

Junior Report 2016/17

There are a number of items worth reporting from the 2016/2017 season, as follows:

Inter-County Championships

Shropshire entered two teams into the competition; a boys U15 team, many of whom are U13, and Boys U17 team. Shropshire was named host county for both age groups during stage one, with matches being played at Kingsland. The U15 team finished fourth behind North Wales, Cheshire and Worcestershire. The U17 team finished second behind Warwickshire and ahead of Worcestershire.

Shropshire was again named host county for stage two of both U15 and U17, with matches taking place at Kingsland. The U15 team finished third behind Lancashire and Worcestershire with the U17 team winning all matches against Derbyshire 2, Norfolk and Worcestershire seeing them advance to the Trophy Final.

The trophy final took place at Lilleshall, where the U17 team came up against Devon, Surrey 1 and Cumbria. The team finished in fourth place despite some excellent matches. A great first season for the two teams.

Junior Development Sessions

The junior sessions took place up to twice a month from September through January, running for a one hour period. This proved excellent for juniors looking to improve technical ability and gain match practice prior to competition. These sessions were open to all players eligible to represent the county, not just current team players within the ICC competition. The attendance numbers ranged from 7 to 15, each paying 5 GBP per session.

Regional Squad Sessions

Many of our juniors were able to attend the regional training sessions throughout the season, I believe there were two or three that took place, run by Chris Hall and Jason Pike. These sessions give our juniors the chance to gain excellent coaching and train with some of the best juniors in the region, I received great feedback from our juniors who attended.

Regards
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