

Dumfries & Galloway Cricket Development Plan

2011 – 2012 – 2013



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Dumfries & Galloway Area Cricket Development Group

Development Plan - January 2011 to Sep 30th 2013

The DG Development Plan for cricket will run from Jan 1st 2011 until Sep 30 2013 to reflect the Cricket Scotland national Community Cricket Strategy. The national Strategy has three objectives:



- 1. More & Better Players**
- 2. Well trained people**
- 3. Stronger Clubs (Improve indoor Facilities)**

Each objective has sub goals that are to be looked at and in this plan we will address local needs. More & Better players will be split into two sections as we have a need to vastly improve our Representative training structure in DG but at the same time must continue the great work carried out by the Community Coach and local clubs in engaging more primary & secondary boys and girls into the great game of cricket. Well trained people does not just mean getting more level 1, 2 (and hopefully 3) coach award holders in DG, we need locally qualified and available umpires and as a Development Group we should encourage youngsters to take umpire coaching and groundsmanship awards for the individual players benefits and that of cricket locally.

THE NATIONAL VISION FOR COMMUNITY CRICKET IN SCOTLAND

More players playing the game regularly in a network of strong clubs supported by well-trained and motivated people

THE DG VISION FOR COMMUNITY CRICKET IS

More players playing the game, better coaching for the better players supported by well trained people and an improvement in local indoor facilities to support this.



1 (part A) More Players....

Objective	Goals	Dates	Actions	Cost/ Funding Source
Set up a Bona fide Inter-Club Colts League(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In year 1 hold a four team home and away Colts League (T20) on Friday nights. 11-16 is flexibility of age group to ensure league 'happens' in year 1. 	Season 2011	Appoint a League Secretary to administer the league fixture programme and collate results.	League Sec' to get a small honoraria.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat this in 2012 In 2013 have Colts leagues at TWO age groups eg U13 and U16. In 2012 engage one new club to league(Lockerbie) In 2013 engage one new club to league (Annan ?) 		CDM, Development Group and Community Coach to work in partnership to aid smaller clubs transition into playing league junior cricket.	
Inter-Club Kwik Cricket (U10) Festival rota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each club to host a weekend morning where all clubs are invited to send as many teams as they can muster. If a club has only 6 they should be encouraged to send the players along (supervised) and 2 players from another club can make up the required 8. Bring in T-ball rule – if a ball is a wide then on strike batter gets a 'free hit' of a batting tee. 	May 2011	League Secretary to identify a weekend morning with each club and dates to be circulated. Send out rules at start of season, including T-ball innovation.	Clubs to cover any costs. These should be minimal.
Schools Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Schools Coaching and festivals 	Pre & Early season Ongoing 2011 Pre season Annually 2012	Community Coach to liaise with Active Schools. Clubs to be informed via Dev Group email list and meetings. Clubs additional coaching to be fed in the same so as to negate duplication of effort.	Each club in partnership with Community Coach to run at least 1 Inter-Primary Schools festival (ideally at P6 to fit into national pathway) costs met by club.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary school coaching – starting up & sustaining school teams 		Clubs/Group to identify potential secondary schools to start teams in.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor winter 6s Inter-School League or Cup. 		Indoor 6s league start in 2011, Community Coach, Active Schools & ADG to implement.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Schools Cup (S1-3, T20) encourage entry from as many D&G secondaries as possible. 		Aim for four national schools cup entrants by 2012, five in 2013.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target schools in Stranraer area with view to starting a club. 		Community Coach/ADG to work in partnership with D&G Council	Some direct ADG funding or ADG sourcing funding could be required



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Girls Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a D&G girls squad in 2011 	May 2011	Community Coach to lead on this with support from ADG.	Approx £250 in year one. Grant funding to be looked into by ADG for 2012/13: eg 2014 Communities fund
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2013 the four 'League' clubs should have a girls section and a dedicated Girls Cricket Convenor/Head Coach 	May 2013	Clubs to appoint a dedicated girls cricket officer	
Disability Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Development group should look to host one disability cricket initiative per year in partnership with Cricket Scotland and DG Council sports development & Active Schools. The group should look to provide approx £250 per year for the next three years towards disability cricket initiative(s). 	Dec 2011	Community Coach in partnership with D&G Council Sports Development & Active Schools with support from the Development Group to ensure the group has equity at its core.	Approx £250 per annum
Build links with University of the West of Scotland, Dumfries campus & Dumfries College.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to build partnership with FE/Tertiary Sports Studies courses to tap into potential players, coaches and officials. 	Sep 2011	Contact to be made with UWS and Dumfries College by Development Group.	N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess need and want for UWS Dumfries campus Cricket team Assess need and want for Dumfries College cricket team and facility availability. 	Apr 2011		



1 (part B) Better Players....

Objective	Goals	Dates	Actions	Cost/ Funding Source
Representative Cricket: Standards to match those of Regional Development Centres/Regional Academies and national age group squads. D&G youngsters should get quality coaching on their 'doorstep' and not have to wait for selection to Western or Scotland squads for such opportunities.	Winter Coaching for the Youth Performance squads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis in on intense winter technical coaching Also cover Lifestyle management, Mental skills, Physical Fitness and Tactical awareness 	Nov 2010	Process has started in 2010 under Head of D&G Youth Performance.	Some costs to be met by player/parent contributions (match fees for teas/umpires) or for any additional tours.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-6 Pre Christmas sessions beginning Nov. 10-12 sessions Jan-Early April. 	Nov 2011	Book by Mid June 2011 for Autumn start 2011.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer fixture programme to incorporate not just the 5 Western region 'Areas' but other Scottish opposition eg Boarding schools, Eastern & Caledonian Areas and NW England and Northern Irish opposition if financially viable. 	Apr 2011/2012/2013	Appoint Fixture Secretary to arrange fixture programme or tours for D&G squads.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain links with Borders Area Development Group sides South of Scotland matches 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have annual home & away U15 matches. Have annual pre-season friendly at U13. D&G Head of YP to liaise with Borders CDM to select end of season South of Scotland U13 and U15 XIs to play one or two matches. 	
Facilities: Indoor nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor nets DG ADG executive to draw up a Facilities Strategy document (first identifying existing venues and potential new venues) 	By Apr 2011	After Feb 2011 AGM elected members to push through document.	Awards 4 All (up to £10k) or sportscotland Facilities fund (£10k+)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee to apply for grant for indoor nets once suitable venue(s) have been agreed. Look to establish D&G Cricket 'Centre of Excellence' at best available venue. 		Apply for funding asap, CDM and Target Sports Development Officer to provide guidance.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Group to draw up Service Level Agreement (SLA) to ensure favourable rates for clubs and vastly reduced price (and guaranteed hall time) for DG Area Youth Performance squads (and other representative squads, such as South of Scotland, Western Academy etc) 		ADG to ratify content of SLA.	



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TOP Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All clubs on TOPClub scheme to maintain their presence on scheme. 	Ongoing	Onus on member clubs.	Annual subs which clubs should budget for.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any club not on scheme to commit to it 	May 2011	CDM and clubs to liaise.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All clubs to maintain their affiliation to D&G Area Development Group and to Cricket Scotland (clubs who do not and are established for cannot access the help of CS Development team) 	Annual.	Onus on member clubs.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dumfries, Galloway, Langholm and St Michaels to have achieved Silver TOPClub status 	March 2013	CDM/Community Coach to aid clubs through process.	
Coach Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKCC Level 1 in Dumfries 	March 5/6 & 19/20 2011	Course confirmed. Clubs to promote and deliver a number as close as the promised '26' as possible.	£125 (L1), £225 (L2) candidates apply to local sports council for funding. 1stAid & Safeguarding & Protecting Children additional cost
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKCC Level 2 in D&G UKCC Level 1 in D&G 	Oct 2012 Mar. 2013	CDM & ADG to communicate need to Adam Park Elliot CS Coach Education Manager	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICC Introductory course (6 hours) 	Mar 2012	ICC Intro to be organised and lead by Community Coach. 12 minimum needed for course to run.	ICC course £20.
Coach Mentoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Level 3 coaches from Scotland/Cumbria to mentor level 2 coaches within the D&G Youth Performance coaching team or who aspire to develop as coaches. Identify Level 1 coaches to be mentored by Community Coach given his experience of coaching in school environment regularly. 	By Apr 2011 Ongoing	Run an article on dgcricket.org.uk Publicise Coach Mentor scheme around clubs via email and posters.	Some costs may be accrued though small honoraria's should suffice.
Coaches Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a comprehensive Excel document so we have a 'picture' of what the coaching workforce looks like in D&G. 		Development Group to drive forward. Information needed, name & contact info for coaches, level of qualification (date acquire) and additional qualifications .	



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Officials Training: Umpires, Scorers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run a SCOA (Scottish Cricket Officials Association) Introduction to Umpiring course annually in D&G. Signpost potential scorers to SCOA Scorers correspondence course. 		Target in 2011 the midweek league players. Target in 2012 older Junior players. Contact Ken Nisbet, info on www.scoa-officials.co.uk	Intro course is currently free in order to drive up number of qualified umpires
Groundsmanship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascertain demand for running IOG (Institute of Groundsmanship)/ Cricket Scotland Level 1-A (spring preparation) and Level 1-B (autumn renovation & winter maintenance) Promote IOG/CS Level 1 A&B courses to clubs and particularly younger players. 		Contact Cricket Scotland Ground Convenor Jim McFadyen.	IOG course is currently being subsidised free though 'market value' is around £55.



KEY:

CDM – Cricket Scotland West region Development Manager;
 ADG – Dumfries & Galloway Area Cricket Development Group;
 SCOA (Scottish Cricket Officials Association);
 SLA – Service Level Agreement.





Pictures (L-R)

Pic 1. Chris Stewart D&G Community Cricket Coach who does a power of work spreading the gospel of cricket in local schools and is also Head of Youth Performance squads in D&G.

Pic 2. Fraser Conn (Galloway CC, D&G Area U13/5/7, South of Scotland U12s, Western Regional Academy U14/16/19 and Scotland U17) lifting the Cricket Scotland Inter-Regional Academy trophy, in August 2010 at Stirling. Fraser captained Western Academy to an undefeated week of results over guest team Northumberland, the Caledonian Academies XI and historic rivals Eastern.

Pic 3. Marcus Richardson (Dumfries CC, D&G Area U13/15/17 & Western Academy XI) is pictured being presented with the 2008 Cricket Scotland West Inter Area U15 trophy that D&G won in fine style.



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