

Youth Leagues and Performance Development Group Report 2025

The Youth League and Performance Development Group (YLPDG) has over the years, concentrated mainly on the five Youth Leagues in the County. However, during this past year, led by GCF Staff, much of the focus has been to secure the strong future of youth cricket across the County. This has produced, through cooperation and coordination with all the Leagues, the formation of the Gloucestershire Youth Cricket League North. This new League is led by Andrew Moss, GCF League and Competitions Development Officer, and comprises the Clubs who were previously involved with the Cheltenham & Gloucester, Cotswold, Leadon Vale and Stoud Youth Leagues. The Bristol Youth Cricket League continues as a separate entity in the South, and is coopted onto the newly formed Gloucestershire Youth Cricket League North Development Group. This new Development Group has replaced the former YLPDG during this past year.

Aside from the critically important development for youth cricket described above, the Group has again been involved with the extremely popular Gloucestershire Leagues Under 10 Festival. Blessed with dry weather (which makes a nice change!), and supported by GACO kindly providing Officials for all matches, 15 games were completed across the five days. Sincere thanks must again go to Beaudesert School, Minchinhampton, for the use of their playing field, and to the Officers and Community Coaches of the GCF for the organisation, and for the work supporting the six teams involved.

Jim Donaldson

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