

WESTERN STORM

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR? AND HOW DO WE DO IT?



AN OVERVIEW

We wanted to make clear the types of things we look for when selecting players on to a Western Storm Pathway Programme and clarify the process around how we make decisions.

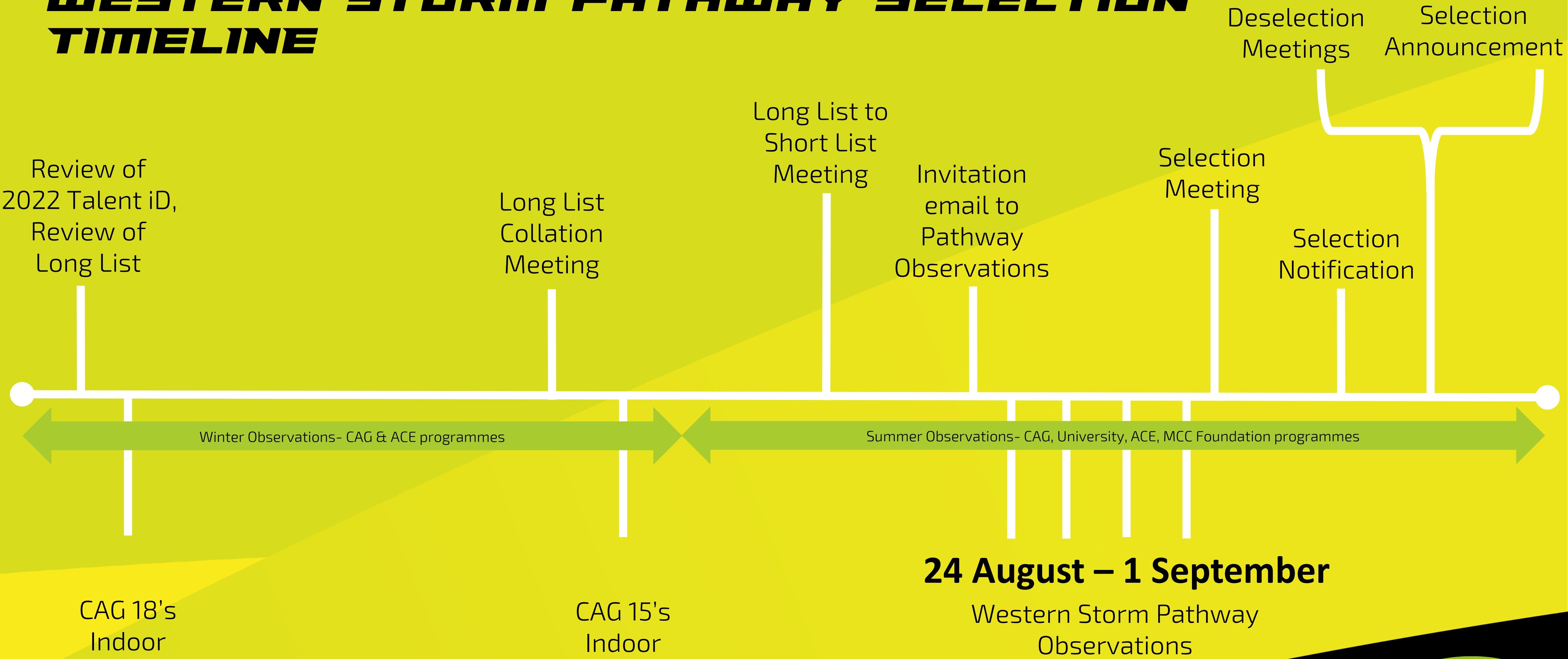
- Western Storm are looking to the next best group of "High Potential" Cricketers across the South West and Wales.
- We will look for HOW players go about the game, rather than their "Statistics". There is no guarantee that the "Top Run Scorer" or "Top Wicket Taker" will get selected, if we don't feel they have the skills to move to the next level.
- In the long run, Players will need to have competencies in more than one of the areas of the game.



HOW WE GATHER INFORMATION...

- With the help of the 6 counties, their pathway leads and their coaches we have drawn up a **long list** of players to watch this summer.
- We will send out scouts to **watch Cricket** between U13 and Senior Women to see as much as we can that goes on in the region.
- Following watching all this cricket, we will create a short list of players that we will invite into our **Observation Process** (August 24 – September 1).
 - These observations will take the form of some "Training Days" where we will look to keep developing people's skills and learn more about them as a person, but also some Matchdays which will allow us to see even more of them playing against their peers within the region.
- Following our observations, we will run a **selection meeting** with all independent scouts in attendance in order to make decisions on players as to whether they are to be selected on to:
 - The Regional Academy
 - The Regional EPP
 - Neither
- These decisions will then be **communicated** to you during September.

WESTERN STORM PATHWAY SELECTION TIMELINE



THE DIFFERENT AREAS

- BATTING
- SEAM BOWLING
- SPIN BOWLING
- WICKET KEEPING
- FIELDING



BATTING

We are looking for Batters who can, or could be able to do some, or all, of the following:

- Play off both front and back foot to Seam and Spin
- Display scoring options all around the ground
- Show game awareness, with a method or process to trying to score their runs
- Effect games with their contributions.
- Understand what the game needs from them at different times and try to play accordingly



SEAM BOWLING

We are looking for Seam Bowlers who can, or could be able to do some, or all, of the following:

- Bowl with a repeatable, safe action
- Bowl with control of line and length
- Bowl with pace
- Move the ball laterally, either through the air or off the pitch
- Bowl different variations appropriate to the situation of a game or the conditions they are faced with
- Set appropriate fields that match up with the ball they are trying to bowl



SPIN BOWLING

We are looking for Spin Bowlers who can, or could be able to do some, or all, of the following:

- Bowl with a repeatable, safe action
- Spin the ball hard
- Be able to deceive batters in the air and off the wicket
- Control their pace
- Bowl different variations appropriate to the situation of a game or the conditions they are faced with
- Set appropriate fields that match up with what they are trying to bowl



WICKET KEEPING

We are looking for Wicket Keepers who can, or could be able to do some, or all, of the following:

- Be in a position to take chances that get presented (Stumpings, Run Outs, Catches)
- Move effectively to gather the ball, whether stood up to the stumps or back
- Understand the game, and provide input to captains and bowlers around information they gather
- Be confident attempting to dive and roll at appropriate times.
- Clean and tidy when taking throws from the outfield
- Maintain skills throughout an innings, concentrating each ball to be ready for opportunities.



FIELDING

We are looking for Fielders who can, or could be able to do some, or all, of the following:

- Have an effective "ready" position to move quickly in any direction
- Take aggressive options in the field that may positively impact the game
- Anticipate where the ball may go, based on information gathered from the batter
- Regularly pick the ball up cleanly and use appropriate footwork to release the ball as quickly as possible
- Throw with power from different positions in order to create run out opportunities
- Show effective catching technique in for balls coming at different heights and speeds
- Develop confidence in a safe and appropriate technique to dive and roll at appropriate times



QUERIES

- If you have got any queries, questions or problems with this process, or want to make contact about anything Western Storm related, then please do so by contacting:

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