

GCE Physical Education - Exemplar Material

6PE02

Task 2.2 – Local Study (Cricket)

Commentary

The task is in excess of the word count, and the mark given during moderation reflects this.

This was a reasonably well written task and covered the performance areas required with some success. The candidate has made an attempt to cover the school's structure and local 'scene' but more factual detail could have been included. The candidate mentions funding, female and disabled participation but again the detail is simplistic. No mention was made of County courses in for scorers or umpires as such, further explanation on the female participation at grass roots and the provisions for coaching etc. The marks given by the centre were based on work included up to the word count limit which for the purposes of moderation ceased at 1000 words just into the Critical Review. The mark awarded reflected the content despite being over the word count limit.

Mark – 11/15



Local study

Cricket in Oxfordshire

Introduction

I am to study the local and county structure of cricket. This is so that I have more knowledge of my game in my local area. There are many opportunities in cricket with in my local area and I will explain how they are run and structured upon. This will include Schools, club or village, county and obviously national level. There are many clubs inside Oxfordshire who are run by the OCB which is the Oxfordshire Cricket Board. However the national governing body is the ECB which is the England Cricket Board. They are responsible for the smaller boards and running of the OCB. The ECB will choose who is put forward for selection into the national team. The schools in the county compete against each other and there is even chance to play in a cup competition.

Grass Roots

Schools play a major role in the introduction of sports to many people. People play at club level from the age of under 9s and county starts at under10s. Under 9s cricket is usually based around wind ball cricket and played in pairs batting, just teaching them basics and not being too serious. Cricket is such a large role in independent schools and often people represent their schools through playing at county level. The county teams are usually fed through schools and clubs. There are also a district team in west Oxfordshire which is the level down from County. My School Cokethorpe enters a 20twenty cup competition in Oxfordshire for the 1stXI team. However in state schools in the county there is very little chance to play cricket. They may only have a few games in the summer. The Clubs that are run outside schools are run by volunteers who have some qualifications. Clubs usually rent out school sports halls for there winter training as most teams don't have there own facilities at that level. There is quite a lot on offer for boys who aspire to join a cricket club from many ages, as there is a cricket club in almost every village around Oxfordshire.

At our school the best team would be the 1stXI which every boy aspires to play for.

Description of private, public and voluntary sectors

In cricket with in Oxfordshire there is no private sector which would be owned by chairman and directors etc. There will still be directors at the local cricket clubs but they don't completely own the club. The public/council sector is the local clubs around Oxfordshire. There are approximately 120 cricket clubs around Oxfordshire alone. My personal club Kennington are in the OCA cricket league. This is one of the two leagues inside Oxfordshire cricket. There is the Cherwell league and the OCA league. The voluntary sector is the training and coaching of players at club level. At independent schools the coachers will be paid to train the pupils. People will coach the children from the age of 9 up to U18s that are choosing at random or voluntarily do it. State schools get voluntary teachers/coaches to teach the kids.

National Governing body

The National Governing body in cricket is the ECB. They control everything that happens within cricket around the country. They will set out the rules each year and also set out aims and goals. Like the ECB, Oxfordshire have the OCB which does pretty much the same job but in Oxfordshire. The ECB has a number of objectives and the main ones that come upon us are; to have a vibrant domestic game, enthusiastic participation amongst young people and successful English teams.

Funding Agencies

In cricket with in Oxfordshire there are local sponsors that are found but also funding from things such as the National Lottery. The National lottery fund cricket clubs and their pavilions. For example the ECB will receive £10.7 million from Lottery funding through sport England. Some of this was used to build a new pavilion in Great and Little Tew at the edge of Oxfordshire. Most local clubs around Oxfordshire get there funding through money behind the bar and sponsors from players. This is also along with “England sport” that funds money into clubs across Oxfordshire so that they can get better facilities and equipment to use. The Cherwell league in Oxfordshire is sponsored by the Oxford Times and ever week the Cherwell league has its own section in The Oxford Times.

Female cricket

The woman’s cricket is run by the woman’s cricket association and the ECB. This has strength and is providing England and Oxfordshire with more woman cricket facilities. There are only a few clubs that have individual girls teams in Oxfordshire. The chance to play in school is very limited though. After leaving school there is the Oxford cricket club who have a major woman team and compete outside Oxfordshire.

Disabled cricket

There hasn’t been too much disability cricket till the past few years. Currently there is no opportunity in Oxfordshire for disability cricket. There is the blind and deaf association in cricket in England and Wales. So there are many opportunities outside Oxfordshire to play disabled and handicapped cricket. However there is Oxrad which is a disabilities centre for sport in Oxfordshire. From there people will be sent to outside organisations to play disabled cricket.

Officials/ Leaders

To become an umpire in Oxfordshire you need to visit a course. This will be run under ECB rules and training will be carried out by ECB approved trainers to teach people to become umpires. If you pass these courses and examinations you go between levels of umpire excellence. This is also the same if you want to become a qualified coach in Oxfordshire, obviously the course for coaching. When umpiring

you will always be paid for your job even if you are at the lower end of grass root sport. The leaders in Oxfordshire don't need to sit exams or anything like officials.

Critical analysis

As a very keen cricketer and living in an area of Oxfordshire that has a lot of cricket in, I am fairly happy with the general participation of cricket in Oxfordshire. However I do think that there should be more cricket introduced into independent schools. They are not getting the chance that public school boys and girls are getting to excel in their cricketing ability. I feel that there are plenty of clubs however in Oxfordshire giving young players plenty of chance to join their local club. I am nevertheless upset with the lack of disability cricket in Oxfordshire seeing as it is rather big outside Oxfordshire. I think there is a good quantity of umpires in the county so that every Saturday and Sunday when teams play there will be a qualified umpire available.

Bibliography

These are some of the web sites I have used to find my information;

<http://www.bacd.co.uk/bacd%20news%20t&t.html>

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/>

http://www.sportengland.org/news/press_releases/cricket_to_receive_funding_boost_from_sport_england_.htm

<http://www.oxfordshirecricketassociation.org.uk/umpires/umpires.asp>

<http://www.oxsrad.org/>

<http://oxfordshirecb.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

Appendix clubs in the county

There are over 120 clubs in Oxfordshire but however most clubs only have one team in being just the men's team and some clubs have a great range of teams.

Abingdon Vale CC ([map](#)) ([contact](#)) ([homepage](#))

- Hales Meadow, Culham Road, Abingdon, Oxon , OX14 3HP

This would be my local club in Oxfordshire which is among the bigger clubs in the county having a wide variety of teams.