**Where do I start?**

* Plan what you are going to do with clear regular goals and a long term outcome
* Ensure that your committee is supporting you and that your girls section is represented.
* Who is going to lead the initiative? Make sure you have the right person – don’t just pick the first volunteer. It’s about a good positive experience.
* Is your club girl- ready? What messages are you sending to girls coming into your club?
* What will the costs be? Will they need kit?
* When are you going to train? Will it be at junior training with a dedicated coach or have a separate evening?
* Make sure everyone at your club has the message and is on board
* Take it one step at a time – don’t expect too much too soon.
* Contact Ann-Marie Presswell, the Women and Girls Development Officer to see what support and help is available.



**How do I go about recruiting?**

* Beyond All Stars: Can you use Dynamos Cricket as an offer for girls and run a sessions for girls only?

Make sure that the All Star girls are clear about what happens next.

* Recruit from within – run mums and girls day for families already associated with the club
* Advertise to local girls sport groups: netball, hockey, gym clubs, dance. Can you offer a taster session?
* Contact girl groups: Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and offer taster sessions/give out flyers. Find out your group here

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/find-your-nearest-unit/

* Contact your local primary school – can you run taster sessions for girls or hold a girls festival at your club?

Girls are unlikely to sign up on their own, so advertising and giving them taster sessions where they already are in an established group of friends is an ideal opportunity to attract a group that may come together.

Visit the ECB website to find out more about clubs that have set up a girl section:

https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/programme-support/women-and-girls



**What should the training look like?**

* Like the training and coaching you already provide- well planned, skill-based, active, fun and productive
* Fun, child-centred
* Social: as well as training and developing skills, girls may also like to use the time socially. Plan for this in your session.
* Make sure that there is competition and valuable playing opportunities
* Ensure that there is opportunity to incorporate rules and officiating into the game, so they begin to have ownership of their cricket.

Here are some resources that you can use during training:

**icoachcricket**

https://icoachcricket.ecb.co.uk/

**Chance to Shine**

https://www.chancetoshine.org





**Clubs with girls’ sections in Devon**

**Bovey Tracey Cricket Club**

**Chagford cricket Club**

**Clyst St George**

**Cornwood Cricket Club**

**Culmstock Cricket Club**

**Exeter Cricket Club**

**Exmouth Cricket Club:**

**Filleigh Cricket Club**

**Hatherleigh Cricket Club**

**Heathcoat Cricket Club**

**Holsworthy Cricket Club**

**Ipplepen Cricket Club**

**North Devon Cricket Club**

**Ottery St Mary Cricket Club**

**Paignton Cricket Club**

**Plymouth Cricket Club**

**Plympton Cricket Club**

**Sidbury Cricket Club**

**Sidmouth Cricket Club**

**South Devon Cricket Club**

**Teignmouth and Shaldon Cricket Club**

**Topsham St James Cricket Club**

**Whimple Cricket Club**

**Whitchurch Cricket Club**

**What opportunities are there for girls to play cricket in Devon?**

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