



Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities

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General Aims of the CFPD

The Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities is a voluntary organisation that was formed to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to participate in cricket competitively whatever the severity of their disability. In order to do this safely, the CFPD organises matches in categories according to levels of disability. Each player has a disability profile, which helps assist in the determination of a person's category – (CC1) Zodiac, (CC2) Zenith or (CC3) Zephyr.

Disabled people are given the opportunity to play regularly and hence to develop their skills within a framework that allows for progression from club to county, to area and through to international cricket, following the laws of cricket as closely as possible.

Many of the players could not envisage participating in a sport because of their level of disability but have found that they can not only achieve cricketing skills but also improved social skills, hand-eye coordination, self-esteem and even celebrity status in their local press!

Carers enjoy regular relief during the playing season although many choose to help in the running of the club.

For people interested in setting up a club, the CFPD provides all the basic information required. This includes our coaching book, development book and video. Advice is given on how to start, with guidance on all aspects of the game. A taster day will be organised where needed and prospective players will be coached and put in touch with other groups in the area. Often a high profile match will be organised to attract publicity. This spreads the word throughout the area and has proved very successful.

The ultimate aim is to have a league network throughout the UK and also to organise internationals with a view to a World Cup if sponsors can be found.

The CFPD's overriding priority is to offer all people with a disability the opportunity to play cricket, whatever their level of disability.

In order to achieve this we are always looking for ways to raise money: through grants or sponsorship to finance our cricketing programme.

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