

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Registration of all players will take place in accordance with ECB guidelines at a time designated by the Cricket & Registration Committee.

By virtue of his/her registration, every player registered to play in the League explicitly acknowledges and agrees to abide by the following: -

- The ECB Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket
- The ECB Premier Leagues Disciplinary Regulations
- The Laws of Cricket
- The Rules of BDPCL
- The BDPCL Playing Directives and Playing Conditions
- The powers of BDPCL in relation to its disciplinary procedures and undertakes to be bound by them

A player's data will be held electronically and may be disclosed to other cricket authorities as necessary.

The responsibility for registering a player shall be with the club and it is the club's responsibility to ensure that all players are correctly registered and eligible to play in a BDPCL competition. If a member club has any doubts about the eligibility of a player, it should contact the General Manager BEFORE the player participates in a competitive match for the club. The General Manager will conduct random checks of scorecards published on play-cricket.com throughout the season and he will report any infringements to the Cricket & Registration Committee, which has the power to deduct points and/or impose financial penalties and/or relegate teams as it sees fit.

Clubs must register their players in the following categories:

Category 1 (Eligible Players)

A player eligible to play for England under the current regulations (see appendix A at the rear of this section) or has been "ordinarily" resident in England, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the immediately preceding 12 months. The player will only be treated as having been resident within England, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the relevant period if he has spent a minimum of 210 days in the previous year within those countries, for which purpose "year" shall mean year ending 31st March. A player who holds a British passport and lives outside the UK must also meet the "ordinarily" resident criteria. Note: players from Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are classified as Category 3 (Overseas Players) under this regulation.

Category 2 (Contracted Players)

Contracted player – a player (capped or uncapped) qualified to play for England under the current regulations, and, currently, under contract to a First-Class County Club or MCC Young Cricketers. For the purposes of clarification, a contracted player is one who has a current full playing contract or a development (scholarship) contract but not an Academy contract (16 – 19 years).

Category 3 (Unqualified Players)

Unqualified player – a player not qualified to play for England under the current ECB regulations.

All non-EEA citizens will require prior permission (a visa) to come to the UK to participate in sport if they do not hold: -

- British Passport (or is a spouse/dependent of)
- European Passport (or is a spouse/dependent of)
- Ancestral Visa

Most common visa types within cricket are: -

- Tier 5 Creative and Sporting
- Standard Visitor Visa
- Non-Visa Nationals (not an actual visa)
- Tier 5 Youth Mobility
- Tier 4 (Student)

In relation to the registration of Category 3 players: -

1. Clubs must ensure that all relevant regulations are complied with and, if they are not, any such player will be deemed ineligible for registration.
2. A Category 3 player classed as an Overseas “Amateur” will not be registered on play-cricket.com by the General Manager until he has received a copy of the following documents: -
 - British or European Passport (or document confirming spouse/dependent of) **or**
 - Ancestral Visa **or**
 - Standard Visitor Visa **or**
 - Tier 5 Youth Mobility Visa **or**
 - Tier 4 (Student) Visa **and**
 - ECB Amateur Player registration form signed by the player and an appropriate official of the club
3. A Category 3 player classed as an Overseas “Professional” will not be registered on play-cricket.com by the General Manager until he has received a copy of the following document: -
 - Registering club’s Certificate of Sponsorship for the player, issued by ECB.

ECB and BDPCL are not registered immigration officials and cannot offer definitive advice.

Junior Players

To be registered to play in any match under the jurisdiction of BDPCL, junior players in Year 8 at school (Under 13 at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season) must: -

- Possess “Explicit Written Consent” from a parent or guardian prior to playing
- Be a member of an Under 13 County Age Group squad
- Be authorised to play in open age cricket by the County’s Player Pathway Development Officer.

Any player in Year 7 or below (under 12 at midnight on 31st August in the year preceding the current season) is not permitted to play in open age competitive cricket in any circumstances.

APPENDIX A

REGULATIONS DEFINING QUALIFICATION FOR ENGLAND

In these Regulations, words and expressions defined in the Regulations Governing the Qualification and Registration of Cricketers (“the Qualification and Registration Regulations”) have the same meanings.

Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB (which shall only be exercised in what the ECB adjudges to be exceptional circumstances) acting with the consent of the International Cricket Council, a cricketer will only be qualified to play for England in a Test Match, a One Day International Match or a Twenty20 International Match if: -

They are a British citizen; and **either**

They were born within England and Wales; **or**

They have been resident in England and Wales for the immediately preceding three years (within the meaning set out below); **and**

They make, whenever requested by the ECB, the declaration referred to in Annex B of The Regulations Governing the Qualification and Registration of Cricketers; **and**

They have not during the immediately preceding three consecutive years; **either** (i) played cricket for any full ICC Full Member Country except for England at Under 17 level or above; **or** (ii) Played domestic First Class Cricket (or Competitive Women’s Cricket, as defined by the ECB) in any Full Member Country outside England and Wales, except as an overseas cricketer under local rules similar to Regulation 3 of the Qualification and Registration Regulations or in any other circumstances approved by the ECB; **and**

They also continue to be qualified for England pursuant to the provisions laid down from time to time by ICC governing qualification for Test Matches, One Day International Matches and Twenty20 International Matches.

In the case of a cricketer seeking to become qualified under Regulation 1(a) (ii) above they will (until they have become qualified to play for England) only be treated as having been resident within England and Wales for the relevant consecutive period if they have spent a minimum of 210 days in each year within England and Wales (for which purpose “year” shall mean a year ending 31st March but may include the current year).

For the purpose of Regulation 1 (c) (i) above, a cricketer qualified for an ICC Associate Member Country can continue to represent that Country without adversely affecting their eligibility or interrupting their qualification period unless and until the cricketer has played at Under 19 level or above under the auspices of ICC for a Full Member Country.

If the player represents an ICC Associate Member Country after having represented England at Under 19 level or above, they will not be eligible for selection for a period of three years after their last appearance for the ICC Associate Member Country unless ICC Regulations specify to the contrary.

The ECB may from time to time in its absolute discretion decide that a cricketer qualified to play for England under these Regulations shall be ineligible for selection for England for a specified period or generally and may vary or cancel the decision at any time.

This discretion may be exercised when a cricketer has acted in a manner which is fundamentally inconsistent with the ECB's requirements, including, without limitation, by representing a country other than England or Wales in any other sporting event, by playing for an England representative side which is not approved by the ECB or otherwise acting in wilful default of any of the ECB's Regulations or decisions.

Definitions

England and Wales means England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Residing and Resident mean the occupation of a *bona fide* home (i.e. the only or main home of the cricketer concerned) and the acquisition of temporary accommodation during the season may not fulfil this requirement.

Full Member Country means a country which is a full member of the International Cricket Council.