

## L&DCC PLAYER REGISTRATION – 2017

### NOTE:

All 1st and 2nd XI players must be accepted as fully registered before they may play for their club as set out in Clause 4. 3rd or lower XI players must be accepted as fully registered no later than 48 hours after their first match. Registration does not automatically ensure eligibility and it is essential that the Playing Regulation relating to 'Players' is consulted for each league and knockout competition. The L&DCC Registration system no longer requires clubs to submit registration forms to the Registration Secretary for new players in categories 1 and 2 but clubs will need to keep the forms securely for at least two years.

1. A player may not play for any member club unless he is a bona fide member of that club. A bona fide member is a player who:
  - 1.1 has been formally accepted as a member of that club and who has fulfilled the subscription requirement for the current year, or
  - 1.2 is a formally contracted professional player.
  - 1.3 A player's registration is deemed to commence when he first plays for his club provided these registration rules have been followed.

### 2. Annual L&DCC Registration of Players

- 2.1 At the start of each season each club's *play-cricket.com* registration administrator shall check the club's list of registered players on the *play-cricket.com* website for accuracy and completeness.
- 2.2 New players for the season may be registered before or during the season by following the procedure below.

### 3. Player Categories

There are five categories of player as follows:

- 3.1.1 Category 1a: a player qualified to play for England under the current ECB regulations.
  - 3.1.2 Category 1b: a player:
    - having been resident in England or Wales for more than the last four years;
    - who has not been out of England/Wales for more than 35 days consecutively and 70 days in total in each of those four years;
    - who has not played first class cricket in the last five years or test cricket in the last ten years; and
    - has an independently checkable cricket record.
- Category 1a and 1b players are fully interchangeable.
- 3.1.3 Category 2: a player qualified to play for England under the current ECB regulations, who is currently under a contract to play for a first class county cricket club.
  - 3.1.4 Category 3: an overseas player not ordinarily resident in England and not in category 1, 2 or 3 (exempt).
  - 3.1.5 Category 3 (exempt): an overseas player satisfying the ECB's 'overseas players - resident in England' criteria (see the Appendix 1 to this Section of the L&DCC Regulations) and not in categories 1, 2 or 3 above.

- 3.2 Any exemptions granted by the ECB and/or the LCB shall apply to L&DCC registrations.
- 3.3 It is the responsibility of the L&DCC club attempting to make a new player registration to confirm the existence of satisfactory documentary proof of categorisation as exemplified above. The Registration Secretary will be shown copies of this documentary proof as specified in Clause 4.1. The decision of the M/C to request additional information is final and clubs must consider 72 hours as the minimum period for enquiry.

#### **4. Registration procedures**

- 4.1 New registered players will be required to complete registration forms as follows:
- 4.1.1 Categories 1a and 2: all players, new and not previously registered with any L&DCC club shall complete a New Player Registration Form. All Registration Forms (and other documents as described in Clause 5 below) shall be retained by the club for at least 2 years and must be made available to the Registration Secretary on demand. The club's play-cricket registration administrator shall enter the player details on Play-Cricket at least 72 hours before the first fixture for which the player will be eligible for selection. However, it will be acceptable for 3rd and lower XI players to be registered within 48 hours of playing their first match.
- 4.1.2 Categories 1b, 3 and 3 (exempt): whether new and not previously registered with any club shall complete a New Player Registration Form. All Registration Forms (and other documents as described in Clauses 5 and 8 below) shall be forwarded to the Registration Secretary. to be received at least 72 hours before the first fixture for which the player will be eligible for selection. For e-mailed forms the signed copy must be received before the first fixture for which the player will be eligible for selection. The club's play-cricket registration administrator shall also enter the player details on Play-Cricket at least 72 hours before the first fixture for which the player will be eligible for selection. There is no relaxation of these requirements for 3rd and lower XI players.
- 4.2 Players transferring from another club**
- 4.2.1 All transferring players, regardless of category, shall complete a Player Transfer Form. A player transferring from a club not in the L&DCC shall also complete a New Player Registration Form. All Transfer and Registration Forms (and other documents as described in Clauses 5 and 8 below) shall be forwarded to the Registration Secretary. to be received at least 72 hours before the first fixture for which the player will be eligible for selection. For e-mailed forms the signed copy must be received before the first fixture for which the player will be eligible for selection. The club's play-cricket registration administrator shall also enter the player details on Play-Cricket at least 72 hours before the first fixture for which the player will be eligible for selection. There is no relaxation of these requirements for 3rd and lower XI players.
- 4.3 Registering and entering players names on *play-cricket.com*
- 4.3.1 In order to enter scorecard details of matches on *play-cricket.com*, clubs are required to enter their players on the *play-cricket.com* website [**ldcc.play-cricket.com**]. Appendix 2 to these Player Registration rules sets out the basic requirements for player entry.
- 4.3.2 Players are not registered and may not play for the 1st or 2nd XI until their nomination has been accepted on Play-Cricket by the Registration Secretary.
- 4.3.3 Clubs' play-cricket registration administrators must ensure that when they nominate 3rd XI players on Play-Cricket after they have played, as permitted by 4.1 above, a comment is added to the nomination indicating that this is for a 3rd XI player. Without such a comment the Registration Secretary can only assume that the player is being registered for the following weekend and the nomination will not be accepted before Thursday, ie. too late for the player to be included on a scorecard.

## **5. Club responsibilities**

- 5.1.1 Before offering facilities to a new member, the club must ensure that the player is not in debt to any previous club and has not been expelled from nor under suspension from any club or banned from any form of cricket.
- 5.1.2 The club must complete and send to the transferring club a standard Player Transfer Form (PTF) (available for download from the L&DCC website).
- 5.1.3 The PTF requires the transferring club to reply within 7 days with its:  
(a) consent confirming that the player meets the requirements and is free to be transferred, or  
(b) refusal setting out the reasons.  
Out of season a reply should be received within 21 days.
- 5.1.4 If these time intervals are not met the club must advise the Player Registration Secretary who will then immediately contact the transferring club for an explanation. If this is not acceptable the L&DCC Management Committee may intervene and make a release/no release decision binding on both clubs.
- 5.2 Before a transferring player can be registered, the completed PTF must be forwarded to the Registration Secretary. For players from another League a completed L&DCC Registration Form must accompany the PTF.
- 5.3 As long as the necessary paperwork can be completed in time to meet the registration documentation deadlines in Clause 4, there will be no need for a player to miss a match. Otherwise, match(es) must be missed until the paperwork is completed and received by the Registration Secretary.
- 5.4 In the event of all documentation not having been received as set out above, the player will not be eligible for selection and will continue to be so until the Registration Secretary confirms eligibility.
- 5.5 In the event of a player(s) having been suspended for disciplinary reasons, a club is not permitted to make a new registration(s) to provide cover for this/these suspension(s) - either directly or indirectly. All new registrations made by a club at the time of player suspension(s) will be monitored by the Registration Secretary with this caveat taken into account; the Cricket Committee and the Management Committee will monitor the relevant decisions.
- 5.6 The use of 'sub professional' players is not permitted. Sub professional players are herein defined as those perceived to be of high ability and brought in by clubs for short periods of time when an equivalent player in a 1st XI is not available. Attempts at registrations that could be held to fall in this category will be monitored by the Registration Secretary with this caveat taken into account; the Cricket Committee and the Management Committee will monitor the relevant decisions.

## **6. Seasonal registration deadlines**

- 6.1 1st and 2nd XI Players
- 6.1.1 New Registrations for Category 1 and 2 players will not be allowed later than the 31st July in each year.
- 6.1.2 New Registrations for Category 3 (exempt or not exempt) players will not be allowed later than the 31st May in each year.
- 6.2 A registered player who has never played for his club in a competitive match before the 31st July may not play for the remainder of the season.

6.3 Players shall be deemed to have lost their L&DCC registered player status with a member club if they play for another club in a league or knock out fixture on a Saturday or a Sunday. Only players whose main source of income is from the playing of cricket, including currently County Contracted Players registered in Category 2 but excluding overseas players i.e. those registered in Category 3 ( Not Exempt), will be allowed to play for another club on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday. The club must notify the Hon Sec of the relevant details of this by email prior to the relevant fixture and re-notify again by email once the fixture has been played. No re-registration of the player is then required.

#### **6.4 3rd XI Players**

6.4.1 New Registrations for all Categories will not be time dependant. However, if registered after 31st July, the Play-Cricket nomination must show clearly that this is for a 3rd XI player (see 4.3.3 above). Such players WILL NOT be eligible to play for a higher team in that season.

### **7. Overseas born players**

7.1 In relation to their Category 3 (not exempt) overseas players:

7.1.1 clubs should ensure that all relevant regulations are complied with copies of passports, visas and UK DBS clearance or local equivalent police clearance must be supplied. These must all permit the playing of cricket and be fully compliant with current UK BA regulations and if they are not, any such players will be deemed ineligible for registration

7.1.2 The registration of all Category 3 (not exempt) players shall automatically lapse on 30th September and must be renewed in full as set out in Clause 4.1.2 in all or any subsequent seasons.

7.1.3 Clubs must clearly indicate on the Player Registration Form the level at which the player will play, ie 1st, 2nd, or 3rd XI. The player's previous playing record must also be provided, eg club(s) and league(s) in which played. The player will not be eligible to play at a higher or lower level without Management Committee approval and in any event no later than 31st May in any season.

7.2 In relation to the registration of Categories 1b and 3 (exempt) overseas players:

7.2.1 clubs must satisfy themselves by checking evidence of any such player's continuous and continuing residence in this country, eg bank statements, utility bills, Council Tax bills, entry and departure dates on passports. Copies of all pages of passports must be forwarded to the Registration Secretary with the L&DCC Registration Form as set out in Clause 4 above;

7.2.2 in addition, every Category 1b player must sign a declaration as follows:

*'I confirm that I have had a permanent address in the UK for more than the immediately preceding four years.*

*'I have not played first class cricket in the last five years or test cricket in the last ten years.*

*'I have an independently checkable cricket record.*

*'I confirm that any payment I receive for playing cricket is not my main source of income.*

*'I understand that the punishment for making a false declaration in this regard will be severe and will most likely result in a lengthy ban, which will apply to all forms of recreational cricket in England and Wales.'*

7.2.3 in addition, every Category 3 (exempt) player must sign a declaration as follows:

*'I confirm that I have had a permanent address in the UK for the past 18 months. I also confirm that any payment I receive for playing cricket is not my main source of income. I understand that the*

*punishment for making a false declaration in this regard will be severe and will most likely result in a lengthy ban, which will apply to all forms of recreational cricket in England and Wales.'*

Download from [Ipoolcomp>Admin Docs>Player Registration 2011>Cat 3(exempt) declaration]

- 7.3 In the event of a player making a false declaration the club will also be liable to disciplinary action if they have failed to carry out all reasonable checks on the player's documentary evidence. Clubs will therefore need to keep a record of all such checks.
- 7.4 The current ECB residential criteria for Categories 1b and 3 (exempt) players are set out in Appendix 1 (clause 3.6.8) to this Section of the L&DCC Regulations. Because there is a continuing need to verify that the criteria are met such registrations shall automatically lapse on 30th September and must be renewed in all subsequent seasons. Clubs must confirm in writing that they have examined evidence of their continuous residence in this country for such players, otherwise they will be deemed to be Category 3 players. If a Category 1b or 3 (exempt) player has unavoidably due to personal reasons had to leave England and Wales for longer than the permitted period the Management Committee will consider such player's submission for continued Category 3 (exempt) status and its decision shall be final.

## **8. Other requirements**

8.1.1 To be eligible for registration, an amateur player must

- not currently be playing for any other club in any other Saturday/Sunday League, Association or Competition etc.
- may only be registered with, and play for one club in a season, unless transferred as in Clause 5 above.

8.1.2 An age-group player may play age-group cricket for more than one club at once without loss of L&DCC registration status. Age-group players, in common with all age players, may only play all-age cricket for one club at a time to retain their L&DCC registration status; that status is automatically lost if they play for more than one club in any all-age league or knock out fixture

8.1.3 These restrictions shall not apply to games played under the terms of Development Teams.

8.2 A written contract must exist between a member club and any professional playing for that club. The responsibility for the drawing up of the contract rests entirely with that club. Any such contract must ensure that priority is given to L&DCC fixtures whenever possible and must be in line with current government legislation. Upon request, a copy of the contract shall be made available to the Management Committee.

8.3 The Management Committee's decision with regard to eligibility shall be final.

9. The fines and other penalties for playing a non-registered player in a 1st or 2nd XI are laid down in Clause 12 of the Constitution and Clause 6 of the Playing Regulations.

10. It will be a disciplinary offence for any member club to falsify information on a player's registration form *or on a team sheet*.

11. In the case of any dispute, the Management Committee will have the right to seek details of a member club's membership records for any player registered by it.

12. The Management Committee will have the right to refuse registration for a player, subject to the player and/or his club, being advised in writing of the reason and being allowed to appeal against the decision. The appeal procedure laid down in the Disciplinary Procedures will then apply.

13. The Management Committee will have the power to act in any circumstances not covered by these rules on player registration.
14. Where a club questions the legality of the actions of another club, it shall be the responsibility of that club to present the case and submit all available evidence. The Management Committee will then consider the submission and conduct any necessary investigation; their decision will then be final.

An abstract from the ECB Generic Rules 2010 - Section 3 - Qualification of Players (Men and Boys) is included on the L&DCC website version of this Section of the Regulations.

### **APPENDIX - Use of the '*play-cricket.com* Registration' System**

It is a requirement of the L&DCC rules and regulations that full scorecards of all L&DCC fixtures, league and knock out cup competitions, must be entered on the [ldcc.play-cricket.com](http://ldcc.play-cricket.com) website. In order to do this clubs must first enter their players on the website using the 'registration' system. The following basic rules must be followed to ensure consistency and to allow the complete player statistics to be calculated correctly.

Each club needs to nominate one person to manage the club's entries of players. Each club also needs to nominate at least one person, preferably one per team, to manage the club's entries of scoresheets. These persons need to be computer literate with access to and knowledge of Play-Cricket. The name(s) of nominated people, together with their contact details (preferably e-mail), must be entered on the L&DCC website. The clubs' login details, user name and password, should also be provided so that any discrepancies can be readily rectified.

The following checks and naming conventions must be adopted when entering players on the website:

- 1 check whether the player's name is already on the club's list, and, if it is, ensure it complies with these naming conventions;
- 2 delete any multiple entries for the same player, ie all those not using the correct naming conventions. There must be no duplicate entries. Also, if any player is found to have more than one entry it would be beneficial to check previous scorecards and update any wrong names;
- 3 there are no specific naming conventions for players. For first names, clubs may use well known shortened names or nicknames – this is the name that the system uses for scorecard entries. However, the main requirement is to distinguish between players with the same or very similar names and the system will accept a middle initial or other descriptor with the first name, eg Mike P or John Jnr. Some clubs prefer to simply use full initials, eg A R Jones. None of these is as definitive as the name provided on the L&DCC Registration Form and clubs should use the 'Middle Initial' facility of Play-Cricket (up to ten characters) to further define a player's name.
- 4 Although Play-Cricket only makes certain information mandatory, because we are using the system as the main administrative tool for player registration it is essential that clubs reproduce as much as possible of the information provided on the Registration Form on Play-Cricket. Failure to do so may result in delays in accepting the player's nomination.
- 5 add the categories of any players already entered, ie 1, 2, 3 or 3e.