

Player Registration Rules

R1 GENERAL

R1.1 Requirements

All clubs must register all players who they wish to play in any team in the Cherwell Cricket League (CCL).

R1.2 U15s

Players under the age of 15 at 31st August preceding the season and 13 or over (see below) are eligible to play in any team in any Division but must first be registered. No fee is payable, and section 2 below setting out fees refers only to registration charges for players over 15 years of age.

R1.2.1 ECB regulations mean that no player who is in School Year 8 (under 13 at midnight on the previous 31st August) is allowed to play or take part as a substitute in any Cherwell League match unless 'Explicit Written Consent' to play has been obtained prior to playing. (Forms for this consent are available from the CCL website).

R1.2.2 ECB regulations also provide that any player who is in School Year 7 or below (under 12 at midnight on the previous 31st August) cannot play in open age cricket (i.e. The Cherwell League) with the exception below in R1.2.3

R1.2.3 An U12 player (School Year 7 and Under 12 at midnight on the previous 31st August) can play open age cricket provided they are part of the County age group squad at U12 level. Proof of their inclusion in the relevant County squad will be required. The same 'Explicit Written Consent' as in R1.2.1 above will also be required for any such player.

R1.3 Limits

There are no limits on the number of players a club may register.

R1.4 Deregistration

There is no requirement to deregister players. Player transfers are covered in section R5 below.

R1.5 Player Categories

Player Categories are defined in Appendix 1 to these Regulations.

R2 TIMETABLE/FEES

R2.1 Pre-Season Player List

A list of players that were registered for the previous season will be available on the website and open for alteration when clubs are informed by the League Secretary. Clubs will have until the 30th April preceding the season to add or remove names from the list. This excludes

category 3 & 4 players who must register in accordance with section R3. All registrations after 30th April will be treated as In-season Registrations.

R2.2 Payment

Payment for the above registration list must be made before 1st May 2019. Penalties may apply to clubs who breach this regulation.

R2.3 Eligibility

All players correctly registered and paid for on this list will be eligible to play from the first match of the 2020 season.

R2.4 Fees

Players can be registered for all tiers, or for tiers 6 and below only.

R2.4.a Each club can register 15 players to play in tiers 1-5 without charge, providing these registrations are completed in the pre-season period (i.e. before the 30th April). Further or subsequent registrations will incur a fee of £2 to be paid via a Paypal link on the website.

R2.4.b Players registered for tiers 6 and below only, can be registered without charge at any time up to the registration cut off (see R2.8)

R2.4.c Players who are U15 at the preceding 31st August incur no charge on either list

R2.5 Signatures

Clubs will be responsible for collecting signatures of existing players and holding this record, which may be requested by the League in the event of a disciplinary incident. Not having a signature for a player subject to disciplinary proceedings may count against both the player and the club at that time.

R2.6 Change of Status

Any club wishing to register a player for Tiers 1-5 who is already listed in the player list for Tiers 6 and below need only make the transfer on the website and pay the fee using the same process as above in R2.4.a. No additional documentation is required.

R2.7 Qualification

For a player to qualify for the subsequent match the on-line registration must be completed before the match is due to start.

R2.8 Timing

No new registrations or transfers of players in any category will be allowed after matches in week 13 (1 August 2020). The on-line form will be disabled at this time. Clubs will be permitted to move players from their Tiers 6 and below list to their Tiers 1-5 list after this date subject to the appropriate payment. In exceptional circumstances the registrations secretary may grant permission for additional registrations after this date in the Tiers 6 and below list if it facilitates a game being played that might not have been otherwise.

R3 REGISTRATION FOR ELIGIBLE PLAYERS (see Appendix 1 for Player Categories)

R3.1 Category 1

Category 1 players are eligible to register and play in the Cherwell League.

R3.2 Category 2

Category 2 players are not allowed to play in the Cherwell League.

R3.3 Category 3

The following players need to register for each season even if they have previously been registered to play in the Cherwell League:

R3.3.1 Visiting Player Category 3 as defined below. Up to a maximum of two Category 3 players can be registered by a club. However, only one may play for a team in a CCL match in Tiers 1-5 and they are not permitted to play in 6 and below of the CCL (see R5.3 below)

R3.3.2 Temporary Residence Category 4 (see below). There is no limit on the number of Category 4 players that a team can register and no restrictions on how many Cat 4 players can play in a team at one time. Category 4 players properly registered can play in any division of the CCL. Note, players who were previously categorised as 3E now automatically fall into Category 4.

R3.4 Paperwork

Paper copies of Category 3 & 4 registrations and supporting documents where requested, are required and the timetable set out in 2 above will apply to Category 3 & 4 registrations. Category 3 players must be registered before 23rd April (see 5.4 below).

R3.5 Fees

The fees for Category 3 & 4 are the same as for Category 1 players as set out in section R2 above.

R3.6 Verification

The League reserves the right to ask for and to verify by sight any information it requires concerning registration of Category 3 & 4 players.

R4 TRANSFERS

R4.1 Paperwork

A player transferring from one club to another after the season has started needs to have a completed Player Transfer Form submitted. Forms are available on the League website.

R4.2 Fees

The fee for a player transfer is £6 per player. As checks are needed on the eligibility of transferring players the payment for this must be submitted at the same time as the appropriate paperwork.

R4.3 Eligibility

A transferred player becomes eligible to play for a new club fourteen days after last being eligible to play for the previous club i.e. At least one week of league matches will be missed.

R4.4 Bans

If a player is serving any league or club ban whilst wishing to join a new club, the registration period of fourteen days will commence on the day following the end of such a ban.

R4.5 Obligations

Players who are seeking to transfer must have discharged all their financial obligations to their former club and the League before the fourteen day qualifying period can start.

R5 ELIGIBILITY

R5.1.1 Weeks 17/18

In the final two weeks of the regular season for the division in question a player shall not play in a lower division than which they normally played in weeks 1 to 12 inclusive, unless during that period he/she has played for the team in the lower division on at least two occasions.

R5.1.2 Weeks 17/18

If a player has played in the Home Counties Premier Cricket League (divisions 1 or 2), in order to be eligible to play in the CCL in weeks 17 & 18, they must have played more games in the CCL than in the HCPCL during weeks 1-16. In determining which team they may play for in the CCL, the normal rules will apply in relation to all games played in the CCL.

Note: If a team is awarded a match by forfeit (not if they themselves have forfeited) or had a game cancelled because of weather without a ball being bowled, any player who was already registered but not logged as playing in another team for the club on that day, can be considered as having played in that team that week for the purpose of determining eligibility for weeks 17 & 18.

R5.2 Eligibility

All clubs can review their lists of eligible players on the CCL website in the secure club area.

R5.3 Category 3 & 4

Category 3 players can only play in Tiers 1-5 inclusive of the Cherwell League. Category 4 can play in any division.

R5.4 Registration

All category 3 players must register prior to the start of the ~~2019~~ season. Category 4 players can be registered during the season, but their eligibility to play may be restricted as per R3.4 above.

R6 SUSPECTED BREACHES

R6.1 Suspected Breaches

Anyone wishing to report a suspected breach of the regulations should do so in writing or by e-mail to the League Secretary. If there appears to be a case to answer, the complaint will go to the Management Committee for consideration and the possible imposition of penalties.

R6.2 Appeals

Appeals against penalties imposed by the Management Committee must be submitted in writing and be accompanied by new or additional evidence that was not available at the original consideration and accompanied by a deposit on account of costs as provided by the Constitution.

R6.3 Penalties

Any team found to have fielded an ineligible player will be deemed to have lost the match and as a consequence gain no points from the match.

R6.4 Points

Maximum points for a win will be awarded to the opposing side.

R6.5 Additional Penalties

In addition to any forfeiture of points, any club found to have breached Registration Regulations will have its offence considered by the Management Committee.

R6.6 Further Sanctions

The Management Committee has the power to further sanction (in addition to the loss of points in R6.3 above) any club found guilty of breaching Registration Regulations.

Clubs so sanctioned have the right to an appeal as per the Constitution and in accordance with R6.2 above.

Appendix 1 to Registration Regulations

Player Categories

The player categories below are based on the ECB definition:

The League reserves the right to ask for and to verify by sight any information it requires concerning registration of any player.

Category 1

- a) Any player not covered below in the categories below.
- b) A non-British citizen who has been permanently resident in England, Wales, Scotland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the previous four consecutive years and has not been out of these countries for more than 35 consecutive days or 70 days in total in the previous eighteen months will qualify as a category one player.
- c) Any player who holds a UK (or European) passport and is entitled to live and work in the UK without restriction or requiring additional documentation such as a visa.

Category 2

Any player who is contracted to play for a first-class county. No Category 2 players are permitted to play in the CCL.

Category 3 - Visiting Player

A player wishing to play cricket in the Cherwell League whilst visiting the UK must fulfil the following requirements:

- a) The player must have been under 24 years of age on 1st September in the year before the current season.
- b) The player must not have played in any first-class match.
- c) Playing cricket is incidental to the reason for coming to the UK.
- d) The player has never received, is not intending on receiving, or has not received within the previous 4 years, payment, including payment in kind, for playing or coaching that is covering all, or the majority of, their costs for travelling to, and living in the UK.
- e) The player is not currently registered to, or who has not been registered within the previous 4 years to a professional or semi-professional cricket team. This includes all academy and development team age groups.
- f) The player has not represented their nation or national team within the previous two years, including all youth and development age groups from under 17's upwards.

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- h) The player has not within the last 12 months engaged an agent or representative, with the aim of finding opportunities as a cricket player, and/or developing a current or future career as a cricket player.

Players who fit the above criteria will qualify to come to the UK on Tier 5 Youth Mobility Visa. If they do not, they will need a Tier 5 Creative and Sporting Visa and players holding such a visa are not permitted to play in the CCL.

Up to a maximum of two Category 3 players can be registered, however only one may play for a team in a CCL match in Tiers 1-5 (inclusive). Clubs are responsible to ensuring players so registered comply with the appropriate Home Office/UK Border Agency residency rules and regulations

Category 4 – Temporary Residence (less than 4 years)

Any person who is legally resident in the UK from February 1st for the upcoming season and has not left the country for a continuous period of 21 days, and has a right to work or study on the UK, where this right is not for the purpose of playing or coaching cricket is entitled to play cricket in the CCL in any division. All the conditions for a category 3 player apply apart from a) (age)

The League Management Committee may require proof to be submitted of the above before approving a player.