

Cherwell Cricket League

Player Pool Rules (2023 until further notice)

Overview

The player pool exists in order to allow players who would not have otherwise had a game, to play. There are certain restrictions outlined below which must be adhered to but in any case where the management committee of the League feels that the rules or the spirit of the rules have been broken, they reserve the right to make retrospective judgements and take action as they see fit.

The responsibility for ensuring that a player borrowed from the player pool is entirely with the team for which they play on that particular day (the borrowing club). All players' playing records can be obtained from the CCL website. The player's registration will remain with their original club (the lending club).

Principle

A player who is not required to play for the club for which they are registered may be loaned out to another team (subject to the restrictions below). The player must not take the place of an available player from the borrowing club.

Restrictions

1. The player pool is available to all teams in Tiers 5-8. Teams in Tiers 1-4 may not borrow players. A player who has played 2 or more games in Tiers 1-4 may not be leant out.
2. A pooled player who is not required/selected to play for his own club, and whose own club is playing all of their scheduled League fixtures on that day, can enter the pool and can play in any Tier above the Tier they normally play in (up to T5) or one Tier below. They can play for another club in the same Tier as their own, but not if the borrowing club is in the same division as the lending club. 'Normally' will be at the LMC's discretion but will usually be the team the player has played the most games for.
3. If a club has no fixture scheduled (e.g, T8 'week off') for one of their teams, players from that club can only be leant to teams in a higher Tier than they normally (see pt 2.) play in and only if the lending club does not have another team in the division in which they play.
4. If a fixture is forfeited, players from either club can only be pooled with the explicit permission of the Fixture Secretary or League Secretary (or their nominated representatives). In this instance, players can only be leant to teams in a higher Tier and only if the lending club does not have another team in the division in which they play.
5. A team may only play a maximum of two borrowed players in the same match.

6. The same player can only be borrowed by the same club on a maximum of 2 occasions in a season. To play a third time, a player transfer must be made.
7. The player pool is not available in weeks 17 and 18.
8. All loans must be pre-approved by the LMC either by email or by use of the Player pool web page (except where explicit permission is required as in pt. 4). Retrospective approval will not be given, and the borrowing team will be deemed to have played an ineligible player.
9. Suspected breaches of these rules should be reported in the first instance to the League Secretary. Any such report will be considered by the LMC or their appointed representatives. The views of all parties as to the facts of the matter will be sought and a decision will be made as to the validity of the complaint and any subsequent action. Such a decision will be final and will not carry any right of appeal other than to correct factually inaccurate information.
10. Sanctions for breaches of the rules can include, warnings, points deductions and playing bans at the League Management Committee's discretion and can be applied to any involved party, i.e. the player, the lending club or the borrowing club.