

SCC Player Registration Guidelines – DRAFT 6

Text (as per SCC Constitution - Levels)

Tier 1 – Premier Level and Level 1 (ECB Premier League regulations apply)

Tier 2 – Levels 2 to 5

Tier 3 - Levels 6 to 9

Tier 4 - Levels 10 and below

Text (as per Constitution – Player Registration)

6.1. Registration

Players in The SCC must have one valid Play-Cricket player record.

6.2. League Player Registration

For all fixtures in Tier 1 and Tier 2, players must be registered (as part of their Play-Cricket record) in the correct ECB category ((1) Local, (2) Contracted or (3) Overseas) with one Member Club, and may not play a fixture in The League for any other Member Club or any club playing in an equivalent open-age open-gender league competition in the same season.

The Committee may grant an exception for School or University players to play for more than one club. A request for consideration should be made as per the Operations Guide adhering to the published timelines.

Note: Junior players may register with one Member Club to play in The League and with a different club to play in junior competitions (such as SJCC), while female players may register with one club to play in The League and with a different club to play in female-only competitions (such as The Surrey Women's League).

6.3. League Player Registration Process

Member Clubs must submit any new player registrations using the process described in the Operations Guide, before Wednesday at 20:00 ahead of a Saturday fixture. A player is only registered once an application has been accepted by The SCC.

Note: additional deadlines for the registration of Overseas and/or Contracted players are detailed on The SCC Website.

6.4. Transfer of Players

Players wanting to transfer to another club during a season must submit a request for consideration, using the process described in the Operations Guide. In addition, players wishing to join a Member Club within the last five weeks of the season must apply using the same process.

6.5. Overseas Players

Overseas players must meet all eligibility criteria set by the ECB and Home Office as updated periodically at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/regulations/overseas>. It is the responsibility of Member Clubs to ensure compliance with ECB and Home Office criteria.

Member Clubs may apply to register one eligible Overseas player per season, before 31 May, using the process described in the Operations Guide.

Member Clubs may apply to register a replacement Overseas Player before 31 May provided the original Overseas Player has been de-registered and not played in an SCC Fixture.

6.6. Contracted Players

Contracted Players must have their SCC registration approved prior to playing in a SCC fixture. Their registrations carry over from one season to the next, but expire if a player changes either their County Club or Member Club.

Member Clubs must apply to register a new Contracted player before 31 May, unless that player obtains their contract after 31 May of that year.

A Contracted Player (either Full or Home) shall only be entitled to play in the First XI side of a Member Club.

A Member Club may play:

(a) any number of Home Contracted Players

(b) one Full Contracted Player

(c) one additional Surrey CCC Full Contracted Player

If available, a Surrey CCC Full Contracted Player must be selected ahead of a non-Surrey CCC Full Contracted Player.

6.7. Restriction

In any given season, players who have played more than ten games for a higher team (or teams), where play has been called, may not play for a team lower in the league structure.

6.8. Exemptions

Exemptions to restrictions must be sought by following the process described on The SCC Website, before Wednesday at 20:00 ahead of a Saturday fixture

1. Registration Secretary

All queries on player registration or player transfer should be addressed to the Registration Secretary in the first instance. [[Link to email address](#)]

2. Responsibility for Player Registration

It is the responsibility of clubs and their players to ensure compliance with UK immigration laws. By accepting a registration, SCC are not expressing a view on the immigration status of a player.

It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that players playing in SCC competitions:

- (a) have a single Play-Cricket record (by merging any duplicates)
- (b) are registered in the correct category (“1: Local”, “2: Contracted” or “3: Overseas”) if playing in Tier 1 or Tier 2 fixtures

3. Links to ECB immigration guidelines

Member Clubs should be familiar with the following ECB guidelines:

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2023/03/13/90ef10e7-b15c-447c-9e1a-e4450fec3694/Standard-Reply-to-Immigration-Registration-Queries-NFC-March-2023.pdf>

4. ECB Registration Categories

Member Clubs should be familiar with this guide from ECB:

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Category 1:

A player is Category 1 qualified if: ((a) OR (b)) AND (c)

{(a) they are (i) a British or Irish citizen; or (ii) an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, with settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme;

or

(b) They have been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 210 days in the 12-month period from 1 April to 31 March prior to the season for which they will be playing for the Member Club},

and

(c) they have not played cricket as a local/domestic player in any ICC Full Member Country (except England) in the 12-month period up to and including 31 March before the season in question, or at any time subsequently before or after applying to be and being registered as a Category 1 Player.

Note: Any Category 1 player who subsequently plays in any overseas cricket league as a 'home', 'local' or 'non-overseas' player in that overseas league shall immediately forfeit their Category 1 status and become a Category 3 player.

Category 2:

A player is a Contracted Player if:

(a) At the time of registration, they are contracted to a First Class County Club or on the M.C.C. Groundstaff ("a Full Contracted Player") or

(b) They are contracted, are a current member of the club requesting registration and were a member of the club requesting registration prior to being contracted ("a Home Contracted Player").

Category 3:

A player is an Overseas Player ("Overseas") if:

They are not eligible for registration under Category 1

5. Exemption for Overseas Players

Players must be registered correctly on Play Cricket using the ECB definitions, but may be treated as if they are SCC Category 1 players, if so approved by The Committee.

5.1. Overseas Junior Players

Junior players may be treated as SCC Category 1 players if they are "ordinarily resident" in the United Kingdom and are in the U14, U15 or U16 age group (based on the age of

the player at midnight on 31 August in the year preceding the season for which they will be playing for the Member Club).

5.2. Overseas Players Playing in Tiers 2, 3 or 4

Overseas players may be treated as SCC Category 1 players for a team in Tiers 2, 3 or 4 if they are “ordinarily resident” in the United Kingdom.

5.3. Definition of Ordinarily Resident

The definition of "ordinarily resident" shall be in the absolute discretion of The Committee, which shall take into account (among other factors) whether the player has a home in this country, is in the country or is abroad temporarily or permanently, the length of any working contract abroad and nationality.

6. Playing Consent

Playing in a competition of SCC means players give consent to the following:

(a) they agree to abide by: the rules and codes of conduct of **SCC**; the **ECB Code of Conduct**; and the **MCC Spirit of Cricket**;

(b) that any suspension imposed by the league will apply to all cricket played under the auspices of the ECB and affiliated leagues; that the details of any suspension will be provided to the ECB; and that the information may be shared with other leagues.

(c) they understand that the information given is to be held electronically, and may be disclosed to other appropriate cricket authorities as necessary.

7. Deadlines

As per the Constitution, the deadline for submitting an application to register “Category 2: Contracted” and “Category 3: Overseas” players is 31st May using the correct form which includes guidance on supplementary evidence required.

New “Local: Category 1” players, may be registered at any time during the season, but any application for registration must be made **before 8pm on the Wednesday before the match** in which the player is to be selected. Players may only play in SCC competitions if their registration has been accepted by SCC.

If a player receives a County Contract after 31st May, they must apply to be SCC registered immediately and must not play an SCC fixture until their registration has been accepted.

8. Transfers

Players transferring to a Member Club after the first league game of the season must be documented using the provided form if they have played league cricket in that season.

9. Forms

[Forms can be downloaded here.](#)

The ECB's how to guide to register players is available here [\[link\]](#)