**Home Office Immigration Rules for Cricket Overview Updated 15/02/2018**

The following table is provided as general overview only. The ECB are not registered immigration officials therefore if you require specific immigration guidance you will need to contact UK Visas and Immigration Clubs wishing to use the services of a player who is not on a Tier 5 Creative & Sporting (Non-FCC) visa, must ensure that the visa allows them to play and/or coach.

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| Visa/ Permit | First Class or Non-First-Class Level (As designated by ECB) | Professional/ Amateur Status (As designated by Home Office) | Play | Coach (if suitably qualified and vetted) | Paid to Play | Paid to Coach | Notes |
| British passport holder | All | Either | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No Restrictions |
| EU passport holder | All | Either | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No Restrictions (Current at time of issue) |
| Tier 1 (General/ Entrepreneur/ Exceptional Talent/Graduate Entrepreneur/Investors) | Non-First Class | Amateur | Yes | Yes | No | No | Prevented from Professional sport at any level including as a Coach |
| Tier 2 (General/ ICT/MOR) | Non-First Class | Amateur | Yes | Yes | No | No | Prevented from Professional sport at any level including as a Coach |
| Tier 4 (General) | Non-First Class | Amateur | Yes | Yes | No | No | Can play as an amateur, at an amateur club, if they are classified as an Amateur by the Home Office |
| Tier 5 (Religious Worker/ IA/GAE & Charity Worker) | Non-First Class | Amateur | Yes | Yes | No | No | Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league. |
| Tier 5 (Creative & Sporting - Non-First Class) Player/Coach | Non-First Class | Professional | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Can only play/coach for the main sponsor and undertake "Supplementary Employment"\* |
| Tier 5 (Creative & Sporting - Non-First Class) Coach Only | Non-First Class | Professional | No | Yes | No | Yes | Can only coach for the main sponsor and undertake "Supplementary Employment"\* No playing paid or unpaid. |
| Leave to Remain -Spouse/Accompanying Partner/ EEA Dependent (does not include Points Based System Dependents) | All | Either | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No Restrictions |
| Ancestry Visa | All | Either | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No Restrictions |
| Indefinite Leave to Remain (Settlement) | All | Either | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No Restrictions |
| Standard Visitor Visa | Non First Class | Amateur | Yes | No | No | No | Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league. |
| Non-Visa National | Non-First Class | Amateur | Yes | No | No | No | Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league. |
| Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme | Non-First Class | Amateur | Yes | No | No | No | Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league. Can act as a coaching assistant (if suitable qualified and vetted) under direct supervision of a qualified coach. Can seek employment but not as a sportsperson or coach. |

Notes:

\*Supplementary Employment (Home Office definition) - an additional job in the same profession and at the same professional level as the work for which your Certificate of Sponsorship was assigned; and

No more than 20 hours per week; and

Outside of the normal working hours for which your Certificate of Sponsorship was assigned.

In addition, you must continue to work for your sponsor in the job recorded on your Certificate of Sponsorship.

Professional Sportsperson (Home Office) - A **“Professional Sportsperson”**, is someone, whether paid or unpaid, who:

*1.is providing services as a sportsperson, playing or coaching in any capacity, at a professional or semi-professional level of sport; or*

2. being a person who currently derives, who has in the past derived or who the Secretary of state has reason to believe is seeking in the future to derive, a living from playing or coaching, is providing services as a sportsperson or coach at any level of sport, unless they are doing so as an “Amateur” in a charity game.

Amateur Sportsperson (Home Office)- Seeking to derive a Living-

An **“Amateur”** is a person who engages in a sport or creative activity solely for personal enjoyment and who is not seeking to derive a living\* from the activity. This also includes a person playing or coaching in a charity game.

A person may be considered to be seeking to derive a living or has sought to derive a living if the individual has played cricket above U17 for a Professional Outfit (Country/ Country Academy/ State/ Province/ Territory level (paid or unpaid) in any country.

Reasonable expenses & use of Agents -

The Home Office have confirmed that a) the payment of a player’s airfare or accommodation and/or b) the use of an agent to promote the availability of players, is likely to increase the prospect of the Home Office considering the player to be a

“professional” and, as a consequence, the risk of that player being deemed ineligible to participate in accredited ECB Leagues.