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**ECB Premier Leagues Pre-season update March 2019**

1. **Premier League Fixed Fee and PRFP**

Premier League Accreditation criteria and fixed fee payments will remain the same as 2018 season.

Leagues should budget for a reduction in Performance Related Fee Payments for 2019 due to budgetary constraints. The 2019 payment will be aligned to three areas,with a maximum of £1500 per League

* + Format Reform - continued reform in formats based on insight and player feedback ,encouraging deeper reforms across the divisions of the Premier League.
	+ Adoption/Continued use of Play-Cricket Scorer Pro and/or Play-Cricket Scorer encouraging deeper use throughout divisions
	+ The recruitment of a minimum of one female committee member who is actively engaged in the decision making process of the league.
1. **ECB National Club Competitions & Player Eligibility**

The Royal London National Club Championship will be returning to the Home of Cricket, Lord's for this year's Final on 16th September . Last years' winners, Richmondshire from Yorkshire will be playing MCC,at Lord's on 24th April.

The Player Eligibility Regulations for the 2019 season are attached. This version will be used for the two main club competitions and has been sent to all clubs involved in the competitions.

Please note that included within these simplified regulations ***'Any player who has represented the men's team of any ICC Full Member country in the 12 month period up to and including 31 March of the current season will not be permitted to play in any ECB Club Cup Competition match in the current season.*** This point specifically relates to Cricket Ireland players that represent the country in International T20's,ODI and Tests.

From 2020 there will be changes to ECB National Club Competitions, providing greater competition and increasing the opportunity for clubs within the recreational pyramid to reach a National final. The Royal

London Club Championship will progress towards a 'Champions League' style competition with 128 clubs teams competing for a place in the final, hopefully at Lord's. The Club T20 is planned to expand and include a Plate Competition.

1. **Overseas Players & Managed Migration update**

Under new rules introduced on pt January 2019 some overseas cricketers will be eligible to play for England after living in the country for three years. The changes bring ECB regulations closer to the ICC regulations.

These regulations will be introduced into ECB Cup Competitions for 2019 and Leagues will either adopt these changes for 2019 or 2020 depending upon their individual regulations. In short, a player will be eligible to play for England if they:-

Have British citizenship **and**

Have either been born in England/Wales, or have three years' residence (a total of 210 days/year April­

March) **and** have not played as a local player in professional international or domestic cricket in a full member country within the past three years.

**Note:- Under the previous regulations a player would been ineligible for a longer period, 4 or 7 years.**

The Cricket Overview document issued on December 2018 is attached. Any questions to be directed to managedmigration@ecb .co.uk.

ECB will conduct its annual Player Audit commencing in June. Please ensure that Registered Player lists on Play­ Cricket are 'cleaned up' by asking clubs, unless the League register all players, to carry out this work by 31

May. Attached is a short guidance note to help and if you have any questions or require help please email the Play-Cricket help desk.

1. **MCC Laws - Law 5 - Bat Sizes**

Law 5, Bat sizes,which restricts the thickness of edges of bats to 40mm,and the overall depth of bats to 67mm

**will not** be implemented in ECB Premier Leagues,or Minor Counties Cricket in 2019.

The Recreational Assembly on 29 November 2018 confirmed :

***"The bat moratorium which was introduced for all recreational cricket for 2018 and following feedback the planned introduction of the new Laws formats will be put back for another season, so for 2019 the moratorium will continue across the whole of the recreational game "***

**MCC Laws - Law 41, Unfair Play and Law 42 Conduct - Promoting Positive Player Behaviour**

It is important everyone involved in the game from captains to umpires,coaches and administrators understand these Laws and the impact it will have on their role in cricket.

ECB's Player Behaviour Tool provides guidance on how to implement the Laws and contains some new footage. Please share with your clubs and officials.

 [http://playerbehaviour](http://playerbehaviour/) .ecb .co .uk/#/? k=3egmy9

**5) Concussion**

The ECB concussion website outlines simple steps in relation to the management of a concussion in the game. It is not the responsibility of the umpires to call medical help but if they have concerns regarding a possible head injury they should seek assistance from the person of authority/responsible adult for that team.

Coaches and/or responsible adults are advised to seek medical advice/instruction for any suspected concussion and clearance before allowing a return to play.

https://www .ecb .co.uk/concussion-in-cricket

1. **Beamers**

Questions have been raised about regarding the interpretation of the Laws regarding beamers in the recreational game. ECB Premier Leagues are advised to follow the Laws as written and not to use the professional game interpretation.

1. **Pre-season WebEx**

We would like to invite you to attend an on-line Pre-season Web-Ex . Within the Web-Ex we will share further information and answer any questions ahead of the season.

Please indicate which session you would like to join via the doodle poll link below. Joining instructions for a specific Web-Ex will be sent separately.

https://doodle.com/poll/ms3mrm8zgvxgze7d

We will be hosting WebEx session on: Wednesday 3 April llam -12 noon Wednesday 10 April 4pm - Spm Thursday 11April - 6pm - 7pm

## Tidying up your player registration list on Play-Cricket.com

### During the 2017 audit of overseas players in Premier Leagues and when investigating the PRFP incentive related to increasing player email addresses and opt-ins, ECB discovered that some Premier Leagues have not cleaned up the Player Registration lists. In some cases, players remain on the list despite not having played for over 10 years or they have moved to clubs in different Leagues.

To reduce the time it takes to audit registered Premier League players in 2018 season ECB has provided the following solution.

1. Leagues can identify these players by using the **'Last Played Before"** filter in their league registered player's screen, from this list they can then select records and **remove the registrations in bulk.**

### Leagues need to pre-warn their clubs that they are doing this as the removal of each registration will generate system emails to the club admins informing them.

1. A club no longer plays in the League, and their players' registrations were not removed at the end of the last season. Leagues may sometimes do this because they expect the club to return in the near future and they do not want to have to re-register all their players, but in some cases it has been years since the club played in the league so any existing registrations will contain stale data.

These are a little harder for the League to identify as while they will be listed in a general search of registered players, the League cannot currently filter by the club that has left as they are no longer a League member. A work around for this is:

* Add the club back in as a League member
* Reactivate a historic division that the club played in
* The League should then see the club listed in the club filter of the registered players screen. Search by that club and remove the registrations
* Archive the division again and remove the club from the list of League members

**Leagues can email the Play-Cricket Help Desk if they require any help or have any questions.**