

Regulations Relating to Young Player Registration

The following provisions shall apply to registration of young players:

In these Regulations words and expressions defined in the Regulations Governing the Qualification and Registration of Cricketers have the same meanings and “County Board” means a body defined as a County Cricket Board in the ECB Articles of Association.

1 Academy Registrations (Boys and Girls)

- 1.1 Each First Class County may register up to 12 players as registered academy players (“Academy Players”) who shall be aged 15 to 19 (inclusive) at midnight on 31 August in the year prior to the relevant season.
- 1.2 Players will be registered through submission of a completed pro-forma spreadsheet provided by the ECB. First Class Counties shall circulate to all other First Class Counties and County Boards a list of their registered Academy Players on the ECB pro-forma spreadsheet by 1st April and inform all County Boards and First Class Counties of any amendments to this list.
- 1.3 A First Class County or County Board must not approach or be involved in discussions with any Academy Player registered by another First Class County or any agent or other person on the Academy Player’s behalf with a view to offering the Academy Player a trial or registering or employing them in any capacity unless such discussion or approaches are not commenced until at least 28 days after prior written notice of intention to commence them has been given to the First Class County with whom the Academy Player is registered (such notice to be copied to the ECB). An organisation which fails to comply with this Regulation shall be liable to disciplinary action.
- 1.4 Cancellation of a registration may take place by written notice by either the First Class County or the Academy Player to the ECB and to the other. The registration of an Academy Player will automatically cease at the end of the season in which they are last eligible under Regulation 1.1 above or on 1st April in any season if his name does not appear on the First Class County’s list of registered Academy Players for that season.
- 1.5 A registered Academy Player shall not be eligible to play for any other county first XI, second XI or Age Group team in any ECB competition, without the permission of the First Class County with whom they are registered.
- 1.6 A registered Academy Player may not be registered with a second First Class County, either as an Academy Player or a Registered Cricketer, until the Academy Player’s registration with the first First Class County has been cancelled.
- 1.7 For the avoidance of doubt, registration as an Academy Player does not qualify an Academy Player to play Competitive County Cricket.
- 1.8 First Class Counties must ensure they inform all players and their parent/guardian that they have been placed on the list of Academy Players and gained their consent to be placed on this list and for this information to be shared with the ECB and other First Class Counties and County Boards.

2 Age Group Players and Talented Player Pool (Boys Only)

For the avoidance of doubt, "Talented Player Pool Player" in Regulation 2 refers only to Regulation 2 registrations of Talented Player Pool Players and these are separate to Talented Player Pool Players in Regulation 3.

- 2.1 Each County Board may register up to 16 players in each age group from U11 to U18 ("Registered Age Group Players") through submission of a completed pro-forma spreadsheet provided by the ECB.
- 2.2 Eligibility to be a registered Age Group Player shall be determined by the Qualification Criteria for Junior Cricketers (Boys and Girls), found in the ECB Non-First Class Regulations and Playing Conditions
- 2.3 A County Board or First Class County must not approach or be involved in discussions with any Registered Age Group Player registered by another County Board or any agent or other person on their behalf with a view to offering them a trial or registering or playing them unless such discussion or approaches are not commenced until at least 28 days after prior written notice of intention to commence them has been given to the County Board with whom the Registered Age Group Player is registered (such notice to be copied to the ECB). An organisation which fails to comply with this Regulation shall be liable to disciplinary action.
- 2.4 Cancellation of a registration may take place by written notice by either the County Board or the Registered Age Group Player to the ECB and to the other. The registration of a Registered Age Group Player will automatically cease on 1st May in the following year unless he appears on the County Board's list of Registered Age Group Players for that year.
- 2.5 A Registered Age Group Player shall not be eligible to play for any other county first XI, second XI or Age Group team in any ECB competition, without the permission of the County Board with whom they are registered.
- 2.6 Players may only be registered with one County Board at one time. A Registered Age Group Player may not be registered with a second County Board as a Registered Age Group Player, until their registration with the first County Board has been cancelled.
- 2.7 County Boards shall circulate to all other County Boards and First Class Counties a list of their Registered Age Group Players on the ECB pro-forma spreadsheet by 1st May and inform all County Boards and First Class Counties of any amendments to this list.
- 2.8 County Boards shall nominate a maximum of 30 players from their Registered Age Group Players as a Talented Player Pool ("Talented Player Pool Players") through indication in the relevant section of the spreadsheet. A County Board may nominate a Talented Player Pool Player after 1 April (as long as the maximum of 30 is not exceeded). County Boards must inform all other County Boards and First-Class Counties if they do so. A Talented Player Pool Player will count as one of the maximum permitted 30 players for the County Board that nominated the player as such for the whole of the season of currency. A Talented Player Pool Player may only be nominated by one County Board in any one season.

- 2.9 County Boards must ensure they inform all players and their parent/guardian that they have been placed on the list of Registered Age Group Players and gained their consent to be placed on this list and for this information to be shared with the ECB and other First Class Counties and County Boards.

3 Talented Player Pool (Girls Only)

For the avoidance of doubt, "Talented Player Pool Player" in Regulation 3 refers only to Regulation 3 registrations of Talented Player Pool Players and these are separate to Talented Player Pool Players in Regulation 2.

- 3.1 Each County Board may register up to 8 players between the age groups U11 to U17 as a Talented Player Pool ("Talented Player Pool Players") through submission of a completed pro-forma spreadsheet provided by the ECB.
- 3.2 Eligibility to be a Talented Player Pool Player shall be determined by the Qualification Criteria for Junior Cricketers (Boys and Girls), found in the ECB Non-First Class Regulations and Playing Conditions
- 3.3 A County Board or First Class County must not approach or be involved in discussions with any Talented Player Pool Player registered by another County Board or any agent or other person on their behalf with a view to offering them a trial or registering or playing them unless such discussion or approaches are not commenced until at least 28 days after prior written notice of intention to commence them has been given to the County Board with whom the Talented Player Pool Player is registered (such notice to be copied to the ECB). An organisation which fails to comply with this Regulation shall be liable to disciplinary action.
- 3.4 Cancellation of a registration may take place by written notice by either the County Board or the Talented Player Pool Player to the ECB and to the other. The registration of a Talented Player Pool Player will automatically cease at the end of the season in which they are last eligible under Regulation 3.2 above or on 1st May in any season if his name does not appear on the County Board's list of registered Talented Player Pool Players for that season.
- 3.5 A Talented Player Pool Player shall not be eligible to play for any other First Class County or County Board at any level in any ECB competition, without the permission of the County Board with whom they are registered.
- 3.6 Players may only be registered with one County Board at one time. A Talented Player Pool Player may not be registered with a second County Board as a Talented Player Pool Player, until their registration with the first County Board has been cancelled.
- 3.7 County Boards shall circulate to all other County Board and First Class Counties a list of their Talented Player Pool Players on the ECB pro-forma spreadsheet by 1st May and inform all County Boards and First Class Counties of any amendments to this list.
- 3.8 A County Board may nominate a Talented Player Pool Player after 1 April (as long as the maximum of 8 is not exceeded). County Boards must inform all other County Boards and First-Class Counties if they do so.

A Talented Player Pool Player will count as one of the maximum permitted 8 players for the County Board that nominated the player as such for the whole of the season of currency. A Talented Player Pool Player may only be nominated by one County Board in any one season.

- 3.9 County Boards must ensure they inform all players and their parent/guardian that they have been placed on the list of Talented Player Pool Players and gained their consent to be placed on this list and for this information to be shared with the ECB and other First Class Counties and County Boards.