

THE HUNDRED MEN'S PLAYER SELECTION REGULATIONS



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These Men's Player Selection Regulations (the "**Regulations**") set out the procedure for the Player Selection and Registration Process for the 2025 edition of The Hundred men's competition. The ECB may amend these Regulations at any time on notice to interested parties (including TeamCos and Players).
- 1.2 The ECB and/or Cricket Regulator will be responsible for the enforcement of these Regulations, including any disputes relating to the same, save that the ECB may at its discretion refer a matter to the Competitions Technical Committee to address such disputes. The Competitions Technical Committee's decision in respect of any dispute will be final and binding.
- 1.3 By participating in the selection of Players (in the case of TeamCos), by becoming a Retained Player, Draft Registered and/or by participating in the Player Draft (in the case of Players), each interested party agrees to be bound by and comply with these Regulations.
- 1.4 These Regulations will come into full force and effect on the Effective Date.

2 PLAYER RETENTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Subject to Regulations 2.2 and 2.7, each TeamCo may at any time during the Retention Window sign a Playing Contract and Men's PSA for the Competition with:
 - 2.1.1 a maximum of ten Players; plus
 - 2.1.2 one Designated Central Contract Player,(each, a "**Retained Player**"), who were:
 - 2.1.3 Retained Players (as defined by, and in accordance with, the 2024 Regulations);
 - 2.1.4 selected by the TeamCo in the Main Draft or Domestic Wildcard Draft (as defined by, and in accordance with, the 2024 Regulations); or
 - 2.1.5 Replacement Players (as defined by, and in accordance with, the 2024 Regulations), provided that they played in all or part of any match for the TeamCo (or were named in the team sheet for an abandoned match) in the 2024 edition of The Hundred.
- 2.2 Each TeamCo may at any time during the Retention Window sign a Playing Contract and Men's PSA for the Competition with an Overseas Player who was not previously included in its Squad at any time in respect of the 2024 edition of The Hundred and such Player will count towards the maximum of 10 Players signed in accordance with Regulation 2.1.1.
- 2.3 Each Retained Player must be retained at a Player Fee. Where a TeamCo does not retain the maximum number of Players within a particular Band, the Retained Player(s) will be allocated to the higher numerical Pick Number within the Band, and the TeamCo will use the lower numerical Pick Number in the Main Draft.

By way of example in relation to Regulation 2.3, where a TeamCo has retained only one Player at Band B, that Player will be allocated to Pick Number 4 leaving Pick Number 3 available for selection in the Main Draft.

- 2.4 Where a TeamCo has designated a Designated Central Contract Player during the Retention Window, that Player must be retained on a Player Fee of Band A.
- 2.5 In circumstances where all Central Contract Players have been retained by their respective TeamCos, by the end of the Retention Window, each TeamCo must have designated their Designated Central Contract Player.
- 2.6 TeamCos are entitled to retain Central Contract Players who are not the Designated Central Contract Player on any Band.
- 2.7 Player retention will be subject to the following:
- 2.7.1 Players must satisfy the applicable eligibility criteria in Regulation 7;
 - 2.7.2 the TeamCo must provide all information relating to the new Playing Contract and the new Men's PSA as the ECB may require (including but not limited to the relevant Player Fee and the corresponding Pick Number);
 - 2.7.3 no Playing Contract and/or Player Appearance Agreement may be entered into without (i) ECB consent (which will be at its sole discretion), (ii) the consent of a majority of the TeamCo Board and (iii) Player consent;
 - 2.7.4 the standard forms of Playing Contract and Men's PSA must be used;
 - 2.7.5 Playing Contracts signed under this Regulation 2 must be for the Competition only and not in respect of any subsequent edition of The Hundred;
 - 2.7.6 the Squad Composition Regulations in Regulation 6 will apply to TeamCos when signing Players under this Regulation 2; and
 - 2.7.7 after the retention process, two of the TeamCo's Band G slots must be unoccupied in order that they can be filled by the TeamCo's Wildcard Players following the Wildcard Draft.
- 2.8 If a Player is a Retained Player, he does not need to join the process to be Draft Registered in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 3, but his TeamCo must comply with the process in Regulation 2 during the Retention Window.

3 PLAYER DRAFT ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 If a Player is not a Retained Player, in order to be eligible to participate in The Hundred, he must become Draft Registered for each respective draft stage (as detailed in Regulation 4.1) as follows:
- 3.1.1 for the **Central Contract Draft**, automatically, by being a Central Contract Player and not retained in accordance with Regulation 2;
 - 3.1.2 for the **Main Draft**, by:
 - (a) emailing Players@TheHundred.com to request the relevant player draft registration form to allow the player to submit the required information (the "**Player Draft Registration Form**") and validly submitting the completed Player Draft Registration Form by the Draft Registration Date applicable to

the Main Draft, together with any required data protection paperwork requested by the ECB; or

- (b) automatically, by being a Central Contract Player not retained in accordance with Regulation 2 or by being selected in the Central Contract Draft;

3.1.3 for the Wildcard Draft, either:

- (a) by becoming registered for the Main Draft as a Domestic Player (per Regulation 3.1.2 above) and at that point confirming that they are prepared to be selected and signed as a Wildcard Player in the event that they are not (a) selected in the Main Draft; or (b) signed as a Replacement Player (after the Main Draft but before the Wildcard Draft); or
- (b) by validly submitting the completed Player Draft Registration Form, and any data protection paperwork requested by the ECB by the Draft Registration Date applicable to the Wildcard Draft as prescribed by the ECB. The Draft Registration Date applicable to the Wildcard Draft will end on a date later than Draft Registration Date applicable to the Main Draft.

3.2 A Player will not become Draft Registered under any category described in Regulation 3.1 until the ECB has confirmed such via email to the Player (which will be determined by the ECB at its sole discretion).

3.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Chair (or their designate) of the Competitions Technical Committee, only Players who are Draft Registered may be selected during the Player Draft or placed on the Replacement Roster.

3.4 The ECB will have the identical powers available under the Registration Regulations similarly available under these Regulations to refuse a Player's application to become Draft Registered and/or to suspend or cancel a Player's Draft Registration. If a Player's Draft Registration is suspended or cancelled by the ECB after that Player also becomes TeamCo Registered, then the Player's status as a TeamCo Registered Player will be automatically suspended or cancelled accordingly, making the Player ineligible to play for the TeamCo in any Match from the point of suspension or cancellation of their Draft Registration.

4 PLAYER DRAFT

4.1 The Player Draft in each year will consist of the following draft stages in the order shown:

4.1.1 the Central Contract Draft;

4.1.2 the Main Draft; and

4.1.3 the Wildcard Draft.

Central Contract Draft

4.2 There will be a Central Contract Draft only when there are two or more TeamCos who have not designated a Designated Central Contract Player during the Retention Window.

- 4.3 Where only one TeamCo has not designated a Designated Central Contract Player, that TeamCo must, by a date determined by the ECB, select one Central Contract Player who has not been retained pursuant to Regulation 2 to be their Designated Central Contract Player.
- 4.4 The Central Contract Draft will take place on a date determined by the ECB (the “**Central Contract Draft Day**”).
- 4.5 On the Central Contract Draft Day each TeamCo must select one Central Contract Player as follows:
- 4.5.1 Each TeamCo that has not retained a Designated Central Contract Player pursuant to Regulation 2 must select one Central Contract Player to be their Designated Central Contract Player;
- 4.5.2 TeamCos will draw lots for the selection order on the Central Contract Draft Day; and
- 4.5.3 Each Designated Central Contract Player must be signed on a Player Fee of Band A.
- 4.6 Any Central Contract Players who are not retained in the Retention Window or drafted in the Central Contract Draft will enter the Main Draft.
- 4.7 At the end of the Central Contract Draft each TeamCo must have one Designated Central Contract Player.

Main Draft

- 4.8 The Main Draft will take place on a date determined by the ECB (the “**Main Draft Day**”) in each year for Squad places each TeamCo has vacant after completing the Player retention process in accordance with Regulation 2. The Main Draft will take place in the following order (the reverse of the final 2024 standings (including the results of the knock-out Matches)):
- 1 – London Spirit
- 2 – Manchester Originals
- 3 – Welsh Fire
- 4 – Trent Rockets
- 5 – Northern Superchargers
- 6 – Birmingham Phoenix
- 7 – Southern Brave
- 8 – Oval Invincibles
- 4.9 In each Round each TeamCo which has a vacant Squad place in respect of the relevant Pick Number must select one Player at a Player Fee corresponding with that Pick Number provided that:
- 4.9.1 no Player may be signed below his Reserve Price; and

- 4.9.2 in respect of any Pick Numbers allocated to Retained Players (as provided in Regulation 2.2 above) then the relevant TeamCo will not make a selection during such Round.
- 4.10 By way of example in relation to Regulation 4.9:
- 4.10.1 in the fourth Round each TeamCo will select any available Player at a Player Fee of Band B provided that such Player Fee is equal to or higher than his Reserve Price; but
- 4.10.2 if TeamCo has a Retained Player at Pick Number 4 then such TeamCo may not select a Player during such fourth Round.
- 4.11 The Main Draft will continue until each TeamCo has fourteen Players in its Squad (including the Designated Central Contract Player).
- 4.12 Following the Main Draft, two of the TeamCo's Band G slots must be unoccupied in order that they can be filled by Wildcard Players following the Wildcard Draft.

Wildcard Draft

- 4.13 The Wildcard Draft will take place on a date to be determined by the ECB (the "**Wildcard Draft Day**").
- 4.14 Each Wildcard Player will have a Player Fee of Band G (irrespective of any other sum specified on the Player Draft Registration Form submitted by any Player for the Main Draft where applicable).
- 4.15 The Wildcard Draft will take place in an order to be determined by the ECB and communicated to the TeamCos and interested parties in due course.
- 4.16 At the end of the Wildcard Draft each TeamCo will, subject to potential Replacement Events, have:
- 4.16.1 one Designated Hundred Central Contract Player;
- 4.16.2 thirteen Players retained during the Retention Window and/or selected in the Main Draft (excluding the Designated Central Contract Player); and
- 4.16.3 two Wildcard Players.

Player Draft - General

- 4.17 The ECB may (at its discretion) schedule breaks during the Player Draft, to allow TeamCos to strategise or for the purposes of press conferences.
- 4.18 At the Main Draft and Wildcard Draft, and (where appropriate) the Central Contract Draft, the following requirements will apply unless otherwise specified by the ECB and communicated to all TeamCos, officials and Players at the Draft:
- 4.18.1 each TeamCo may be represented by a maximum of three officials (not to include any Players) and TeamCos should inform the ECB not less than three days beforehand of the identity of such officials;

- 4.18.2 one of the TeamCo officials present will be designated as the person responsible for making selections on behalf of the TeamCo;
- 4.18.3 once a TeamCo makes a selection it will not be able to change its mind;
- 4.18.4 each TeamCo will have a maximum of 100 seconds (from when it is its turn to pick) (or other period of time as specified by the ECB) to select a Player in the Main Draft. The Draft Official will inform each TeamCo when it is its turn to pick a Player (i.e. when the 100 second period begins);
- 4.18.5 where a TeamCo wishes to exercise its Right to Match Option, it must do so by a point in time, specified by the ECB, after another TeamCo has selected that Player. A TeamCo may only exercise a Right to Match Option if it has an available slot in their Squad list to guarantee that the Player receives the same salary as the TeamCo that initially selected that Player;
- 4.18.6 where a TeamCo selects a Player and another TeamCo exercises its Right to Match Option, the first TeamCo will have a further 100 seconds to select another Player;
- 4.18.7 where a TeamCo exercises its Right to Match Option, it will forego its next Pick Number;

By way of example in relation to Regulation 4.18.7, where TeamCo A has Pick Numbers 2 and 17, and TeamCo B who has Pick Number 1 chooses a Player from TeamCo A's squad from the 2023 competition, if TeamCo A use their Right To Match on that Player, such action will mean that TeamCo A has used their Pick Number 2.
- 4.18.8 if, in any Round, a TeamCo fails to select a Player within the 100 second period, it will forfeit its position in that Round and must select a Player after all TeamCos have done so in that Round;
- 4.18.9 if, in any Round, two or more TeamCos fail to select a Player within the 100 second period, such TeamCos will each forfeit its position in that Round and will (in the order in which such TeamCos were entitled to make selections in that Round) select a Player after all other TeamCos have done so in that Round; and
- 4.18.10 if during the Main Draft and/or the Central Contract Draft and/or the Wildcard Draft a TeamCo repeatedly fails to make a selection within the 100 second period the Draft Official may use their discretion to impose additional penalties on such TeamCo in respect of such TeamCo's position in the selection order in one or more Rounds.
- 4.19 Each selection made on behalf of a TeamCo during the Player Draft will bind the relevant TeamCo to such selection and will require such TeamCo to execute a Playing Contract with each such Player.
- 4.20 When a Player has been selected in the Central Contract Draft, Main Draft or Wildcard Draft (and subsequent to any Right to Match Option being exercised) by a TeamCo:
 - 4.20.1 he will no longer be available for selection in any other Player Draft that year;
 - 4.20.2 the Player will be obliged to sign a Playing Contract and Men's PSA with such TeamCo;

- 4.20.3 that Player will liaise with their respective Player's Employer (where applicable) to arrange that such Player's Employer signs the Playing Contract and Men's PSA; and
- 4.20.4 the ECB will provide the Player and the relevant TeamCo with a copy of the signed Playing Contract and Men's PSA.

5 REPLACEMENTS

- 5.1 Subject always to the ECB's sole and complete discretion, any Player who was Draft Registered but was not selected by any TeamCo during the Player Draft and has confirmed on their Player Draft Registration Form that they are prepared to be selected as a Replacement Player will be eligible to be included on the Replacement Roster and registered as a Replacement Player either:
 - 5.1.1 following the Main Draft but prior to the Wildcard Draft; or
 - 5.1.2 following the Wildcard Draft.
- 5.2 If a Replacement Event occurs (or if there is a realistic prospect of a Replacement Event occurring at a particular point in the future), a TeamCo may (having first obtained the approval of such TeamCo's board by simple majority in respect of a particular Replacement Player) seek to engage such Replacement Player by submitting a request in a form as prescribed by the ECB to the Chair of the Competitions Technical Committee which request will include the following:
 - 5.2.1 in cases of injury or illness, suitable medical evidence relating to the extent of such injury or illness and the prognosis for recovery;
 - 5.2.2 in case of International Duty, suitable evidence from the relevant Player's national governing body; and
 - 5.2.3 in all other cases, such evidence as the Chair (or their designate) of the Competitions Technical Committee requests.
- 5.3 If the Chair (or their designate) of the Competitions Technical Committee (either in their sole discretion or, where they, in their sole discretion, feel it appropriate to consult the Competitions Technical Committee) consents to any replacement, then the relevant TeamCo may (via the ECB) offer to engage a Replacement Player at a Player Fee not higher than Band A and not lower than Band G. All offers made by TeamCo to engage a Replacement Player should be lodged with the Competitions Technical Committee, regardless of whether the offer is accepted or declined.
- 5.4 The TeamCo can pay any amount of Player Fee for a Replacement Player provided that:
 - 5.4.1 the amount paid by the TeamCo for any Replacement Player does not result in the TeamCo exceeding the Player Budget allocated to each TeamCo for their fully signed Team;
 - 5.4.2 the amount paid by the TeamCo for any Replacement Player does not result in any Player being paid more than Band A or less than Band G; and
 - 5.4.3 if a TeamCo does not have its permitted 16 Players, the TeamCo ensures it has sufficient budget remaining to pay at least a Band G Player Fee for each vacant Squad space, after it has made the payment to its Replacement Player(s).

- 5.5 A TeamCo may offer a Replacement Player a Playing Contract, subject to remaining compliant with Regulation 6, throughout the Competition Period. If a TeamCo makes such an offer to a Replacement Player, in accordance with these Regulations, which is accepted by that Replacement Player, then the Replacement Player will be obliged to sign a Playing Contract and Men's PSA with such TeamCo and comply with the process in Regulation 7 to become a TeamCo Registered Player.
- 5.6 If a TeamCo makes an offer to a Replacement Player in accordance with these Regulations the Replacement Player will be entitled to decline such offer, remain on the Replacement Roster or accept a subsequent offer to act as a Replacement Player (from the same or any other TeamCo).
- 5.7 For Temporary Replacement Events a Replacement Player will be engaged by the TeamCo for the duration of such Temporary Replacement Event, following which such Replacement Player will automatically cease to be engaged by such TeamCo and will:
- 5.7.1 not be placed back on the Replacement Roster if he played in all or part of any Match for such TeamCo; or
 - 5.7.2 be placed back on the Replacement Roster if he has not played in all or part of any such Match.
- 5.8 For Permanent Replacement Events a Replacement Player will be engaged by the TeamCo until the end of the Competition Period and will be removed from the Replacement Roster for the duration of all (or the remainder of) the Competition Period.
- 5.9 TeamCos may only contract one Replacement Player per Replacement Event.
- 5.10 A Withdrawn Player may not be placed on the Replacement Roster or included in the Wildcard Draft.
- 5.11 Where a Replacement Event occurs in respect of the Designated Central Contract Player, a TeamCo will be entitled to replace the Designated Central Contract Player by signing any Player placed on the Replacement Roster including an Overseas Player for the duration of that Replacement Event (the "**Designated Central Contract Player Replacement**").

6 SQUAD COMPOSITION/PLAYER BUDGET

- 6.1 No TeamCo may have more than sixteen Players in its Squad at any given time.
- 6.2 Each TeamCo must have one Designated Central Contract Player or one Designated Central Contract Player Replacement.
- 6.3 Subject to Regulation 5.10, no TeamCo may have more than three Overseas Players in its Squad at any given time.
- 6.4 A Team may field up to three Overseas Players in any Match.
- 6.5 No TeamCo may exceed the Player Budget. Player Fees will be allocated as follows with the amounts specified in Schedule 1, subject to Regulation 5:
- 6.5.1 not more than three Players each with a Player Fee at Band A;

- 6.5.2 not more than two Players each with a Player Fee at Band B;
 - 6.5.3 not more than two Players each with a Player Fee at Band C;
 - 6.5.4 not more than two Players each with a Player Fee at Band D;
 - 6.5.5 not more than two Players each with a Player Fee at Band E;
 - 6.5.6 not more than two Players each with a Player Fee at Band F;
 - 6.5.7 not fewer than three Players each with a Player Fee at Band G; and
 - 6.5.8 one bonus payment of the Captain's Bonus to be paid by the TeamCo to one Player or divided between more than one Player (at such TeamCo's discretion) in recognition of such Player's(s') nomination by the TeamCo as captain of the Team.
- 6.6 In the event of any replacements under Regulation 5, the Player Fee in respect of a Withdrawn Player will be subject to appropriate pro-rating in accordance with the Playing Contract (and Men's PSA).
- 6.7 TeamCos wishing to retain Players under Regulation 2 must remain compliant with Player Budgets.

7 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 7.1 Only Players who are TeamCo Registered Players and who have signed a Playing Contract and a Men's PSA with the TeamCo will be eligible to play for a TeamCo in the Competition.
- 7.2 If a Player was TeamCo Registered Player in a previous edition of The Hundred, is still eligible to be a TeamCo Registered Player and wishes to remain registered with that TeamCo for the Competition, the TeamCo must submit the following documents to the ECB, by no later than the time prescribed by the ECB:
- 7.2.1 a signed undertaking in the form prescribed by the ECB;
 - 7.2.2 any data protection paperwork prescribed by the ECB; and
 - 7.2.3 in the case of Overseas Players, an NOC.
- 7.3 If a Player has not previously been a TeamCo Registered Player, or wishes to become a TeamCo Registered Player for a different TeamCo, the TeamCo must submit to the ECB, by no later than the time prescribed by the ECB, the documents listed in Regulation 7.2 and a valid, completed registration form (together with any additional evidence required by the ECB to verify the information provided in that registration form).
- 7.4 No Player will be eligible to play for any TeamCo in any Match unless:
- 7.4.1 the Player has completed the Anti-Corruption Module, Recreational Drugs/Anti-Doping Module and the Player Behaviour Module; and
 - 7.4.2 the Player has passed all required cardiac screening tests.
- 7.5 Subject to Regulation 5.7.2, no Player will be eligible to register for two TeamCos during the Competition.

- 7.6 A Player's registration as a TeamCo Registered Player will be cancelled if:
- 7.6.1 they submit written notice to Players@TheHundred.com, signed by the TeamCo and the Player agreeing to such cancellation;
 - 7.6.2 they become a Withdrawn Player subsequent to a Permanent Replacement Event;
 - 7.6.3 they are not a Retained Player following the end of the Retention Window and have not been selected for a TeamCo in the Central Contract Draft, Main Draft or Wildcard Draft;
 - 7.6.4 the Player ceases to be eligible to be registered in the Player Category they were registered under; or
 - 7.6.5 their TeamCo Registration is cancelled by the ECB for any reason, including but not limited to under Regulation 3.4.

8 GENERAL

- 8.1 Neither the TeamCos nor Players will collude or attempt to collude, whether directly or indirectly, with any other TeamCo and/or Player to unfairly influence the outcome of the Player Draft in any manner. If any TeamCo or Player becomes aware of any circumstances which indicate and/or entail any such collusion they will inform the ECB in writing immediately.
- 8.2 The ECB will appoint a Draft Official who will supervise and oversee the operation of the Player Draft and whose decision in respect of any matters relating to the operation of the Player Draft will be final and binding on all interested parties.
- 8.3 The Men's Hundred is an open gender competition.
- 8.4 Any reference to consent or approval will mean that such consent or approval is in writing (which will include email).

9 INTERPRETATION

- 9.1 The following definitions will apply in these Regulations:

2024 Regulations means the Men's Player Selection Regulations in respect of the 2024 edition of The Hundred.

Band means one of the salary bands (A-G) listed in Schedule 1;

Central Contract means an England central contract, pursuant to which a Player is employed by the ECB on a 12-month contract to play cricket for England;

Central Contract Player means a Player as listed in Schedule 2;

Central Contract Draft means the ECB's draft system through which Central Contract Players are selected by a TeamCo to be a member of its Squad in The Hundred;

Central Contract Draft Day has the meaning given to it in Regulation 4.4;

Competition means the 2025 edition of The Hundred men's competition;

Competition Period has the meaning given to it in the Men's PSA;

Concussion Regulations means the ECB's regulations and/or guidelines relating to player concussion as in force and amended from time to time;

Competitions Technical Committee means the committee of the ECB that is established pursuant to the Competitions Technical Committee Terms of Reference document that has the function of enforcing certain decisions that the ECB is required to take in connection with these Regulations;

Designated Central Contract Player means the one Central Contract Player who each TeamCo has explicitly designated as such for the Competition;

Designated Central Contract Player Replacement has the meaning given to it in Regulation 5.11;

Domestic Player means any Player who is not a Designated Central Contract Player and who:

- (a) during the professional cricket season in England and Wales immediately preceding the Player Draft, was registered with a Professional County Club as a Qualified Cricketer (as defined in the Registration Regulations) and remains eligible to be registered as a Qualified Cricketer; and/or
- (b) is a Qualified Cricketer (or cricketer who was eligible to be a Qualified Cricketer (including through the exercise of ECB discretion)).

In all cases, the ECB must be satisfied by the Draft Registration Date that the Player has or will have the right to work as a professional cricketer in The Hundred and the Player will provide the ECB with any requested paperwork for this purpose;

Draft Official means the independent person chosen by the ECB to oversee the Player Draft in accordance with Regulation 8.2;

Draft Registered means a Player who has registered to participate in the Central Contract Draft, Main Draft and/or the Wildcard Draft;

Draft Registration Date means the date specified by the ECB for each draft stage by which Players must be Draft Registered for each edition of The Hundred;

ECB means England and Wales Cricket Board Limited;

Effective Date means 3 March 2025;

England means the English national cricket team;

International Duty has the meaning given to it in the Men's PSA;

Main Draft means the ECB's draft system through which Domestic Players and Overseas Players are selected by a TeamCo to be a member of its Squad in The Hundred;

Main Draft Day as defined in Regulation 4.8;

Match means a match in the Competition;

Men's PSA means the standard form men's player selection and appearances agreement as prescribed by the ECB;

NOC means a "No Objection Certificate" as defined under applicable ICC Regulations;

Overseas Player means any cricketer who:

- (a) meets the criteria to be registered as an Unqualified Cricketer (as defined in the Registration Regulations);
- (b) proves to the ECB's satisfaction on or before the Draft Registration Date that they have or will have the right to work as a professional cricketer in The Hundred, including where relevant that they meet the relevant ECB Governing Body Endorsement criteria; and
- (c) has confirmed that he is able to obtain an NOC and will provide the NOC to the ECB at the required time, proving that the cricketer's governing body consents to the cricketer participating in the relevant edition of The Hundred in accordance with the ICC Regulations;

Permanent Replacement Event means any of the following situations in relation to a Player:

- (a) illness or injury meaning the Player is unable to play in: (i) all; or (ii) the remainder of; or (iii) more than 50% of the remaining Matches in the Competition Period certified in writing by an independent qualified medical practitioner;
- (b) a ban meaning the Player is unable to participate in all or part of the sport of cricket for the Team during: (i) all; or (ii) the remainder of; or (iii) more than 50% of the remaining Matches in the Competition Period due to any incident(s) taking place prior to the Competition Period;
- (c) the Player's NOC being revoked for all or part of (or only being granted in respect of part of) the Competition Period;
- (d) the Player's visa or other required work permit being revoked for all or part of the Competition Period or only being made available for part of the Competition Period;
- (e) exceptional personal circumstances, including, without limitation, death or serious illness of a close relative which the Player believes will result in him being unable to play in (i) all; or (ii) the remainder of; or (iii) more than 50% of the remaining Maximum Matches in the Competition Period;
- (f) due to Covid-19-related restrictions introduced and/or extended subsequent to his initial Draft Registration, the Player is either unable to travel to carry out his role for the TeamCo at all, or the Player chooses not to travel as a result of being required to isolate/quarantine on arrival to the UK and/or on return to his home country;
- (g) the Playing Contract being terminated;
- (h) such other exceptional circumstances as are approved by the Competitions Technical Committee; or

- (i) failure by the Player to complete any necessary registration requirements prior to the Competition Period;

Pick Number means the following selection slots in the Main Draft with a corresponding specified Band as follows and specified in Schedule 1:

- (a) Picks 1 and 2 – Band A;
- (b) Picks 3 and 4 – Band B;
- (c) Picks 5 and 6 – Band C;
- (d) Picks 7 and 8 – Band D;
- (e) Picks 9 and 10 – Band E;
- (f) Picks 11 and 12 – Band F; and
- (g) Pick 13 – Band G;

Player means a cricketer who meets the criteria for at least one Player Category;

Player Budget means the aggregate maximum gross sum available to TeamCos for Player Fees in respect of the Competition as specified as the “Total Budget” in Schedule 1;

Player Category means each of:

- (a) Designated Central Contract Players;
- (b) Domestic Players; and
- (c) Overseas Players;

Player Draft means the ECB’s draft system through which cricketers are selected by a TeamCo to be a member of its Squad in The Hundred;

Player Draft Registration Form has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3.1.2;

Player Fee means the maximum fee (excluding any captain’s bonus) payable to each Player in accordance with these Regulations which will, except in the case of Replacement Players, be one of the amounts specified in Schedule 1;

Player’s Employer has the meaning given to it under the Men’s PSA;

Playing Contract means the standard form employment contract, as prescribed by the ECB, that each Player must sign to be able to play for a TeamCo;

Professional County Club means any of the clubs and/or companies from time to time listed in Schedule A to the ECB’s articles of association and/or any county cricket club from time to time playing in the County Championship;

Registration Regulations means the ECB’s Competitive County Cricket Registration Regulations, as in force and amended from time to time;

Replacement Event means together a Temporary Replacement Event or a Permanent Replacement Event;

Replacement Player means a Player, which cannot be a Withdrawn Player, engaged by a TeamCo following a Replacement Event, in accordance with Regulation 5;

Replacement Roster means the list of Replacement Players;

Reserve Price means the sum stipulated by a Player who is Draft Registered as the lowest Player Fee at which they are prepared to be engaged by a TeamCo;

Retained Player has the meaning given to it in Regulation 2.1;

Retention Window means 16:00 (UK time) on 13 December 2024 up to and including 13:00 (UK time) on 24 February 2025 or such other date(s) as otherwise notified to TeamCos by the ECB;

Right to Match Option means the option for a Player's TeamCo for the previous edition of The Hundred (whether the Player was contracted by that TeamCo during the Competition Period or signed earlier and subsequently replaced) to, during the Main Draft or Wildcard Draft for the following edition of The Hundred, match the selection of that Player by another TeamCo. Each TeamCo is permitted to exercise a maximum of one Right to Match Option in total for use in either the Main Draft or Wildcard Draft. The Right to Match Option is in addition to the Players permitted to be retained in accordance with Regulation 2;

Round means one round of the Main Draft or Wildcard Draft, during which each TeamCo selects one Player;

Squad means a Team's playing squad in The Hundred, subject to these Regulations;

Team means one of the men's teams competing in The Hundred;

TeamCo means each of the entities which has been granted the right by the ECB to organise, operate, promote and manage a Team;

TeamCo Registered Player means a Player who is registered for one of the TeamCos;

Temporary Replacement Event means the period during which a Player in a Squad is temporarily unavailable to carry out his role for the Team either:

- (a) due to International Duty;
- (b) in accordance with the Concussion Regulations;
- (c) as a result of contracting Covid-19 and/or having to self-isolate pending Covid-19 test results, developing symptoms of Covid-19 and/or otherwise being requested or required to self-isolate (other than as a result of Covid-related travel restrictions that result in a Permanent Replacement Event), where that period of self-isolation will finish prior to the end of the Competition Period; or
- (d) such other exceptional circumstances as are approved by the Chair of the (or their designate) Competitions Technical Committee;

The Hundred means the ECB's short-form cricket competition, comprising eight men's and eight women's Teams (and "**Men's Hundred**" will be construed accordingly); and

Wildcard Draft means the ECB's draft system through which Wildcard Players are selected by a TeamCo to be a member of its Squad in The Hundred;

Wildcard Draft Day has the meaning given to it in Regulation 4.13;

Wildcard Player means a Player who is selected in the Wildcard Draft and becomes a TeamCo Registered Player;

Withdrawn Player means any Player who is withdrawn pursuant to a Replacement Event.

SCHEDULE 1

PLAYERS FEES

The Total Player Budget will be £1,410,500, made up of the fees as indicated in the table below plus Player Fees for Replacement Players.

Band	Amount	Maximum Number of Players
A	£200,000	3
B	£120,000	2
C	£78,500	2
D	£63,000	2
E	£52,000	2
F	£41,500	2
G	£31,000	3
Captain's Bonus	£7,500	1 Captain
Total Budget	£1,410,500	16

SCHEDULE 2

CENTRAL CONTRACT PLAYERS

Rehan Ahmed	Will Jacks
Jofra Archer	Ollie Pope
Gus Atkinson	Matthew Potts
Jonny Bairstow	Joe Root
Harry Brook	Jamie Smith
Jos Buttler	Ben Stokes
Brydon Carse	Olly Stone
Zac Crawley	Josh Tongue
Sam Curran	Chris Woakes
Ben Duckett	Mark Wood
Jacob Bethell	