

## **THE HUNDRED PLAYER SELECTION REGULATIONS**



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## **1 APPLICATION AND SCOPE**

- 1.1 These Player Selection Regulations (the “**Regulations**”) set out the procedure for the Player selection and registration process for the 2026 edition of The Hundred.
- 1.2 These Regulations apply to both the men’s Competition and the women’s Competition, as applicable.
- 1.3 These Regulations apply to each TeamCo and any Player who participates in any part of the selection and/or signing process of Players.
- 1.4 The ECB may amend these Regulations at any time on notice to each TeamCo.
- 1.5 Any decision made under these Regulations by the Competition Technical Committee or the ECB, as applicable, will be final and binding on all relevant parties.
- 1.6 These Regulations will come into full force and effect on 27 November 2025.

## **2 PLAYER SIGNING PROCESS**

- 2.1 Each TeamCo may at any time during the Signing Window sign a maximum of four Players which can be comprised of:
  - 2.1.1 a maximum of four players who were part of the relevant TeamCo’s squad during the 2025 edition of the competition; and
  - 2.1.2 a maximum of three Direct Signings.
- 2.2 Of the Players signed in accordance with Regulation 2.1 there shall be:
  - 2.2.1 a maximum of two Overseas Players; and
  - 2.2.2 a maximum of two Central Contract Players.
- 2.3 In respect of any Player signed in accordance with this Regulation 2, TeamCos must upload to The Hundred Portal a fully completed and executed Playing Contract and Player Appearances Agreement by 16:00 (GMT) on Friday 16 January 2026 or such other date as prescribed by the ECB in writing.
- 2.4 Where a TeamCo does not submit the Playing Contract and Player Appearances Agreement by the relevant deadline as required under Regulation 2.3, the relevant Player shall not be deemed to be signed during the Signing Window.
- 2.5 A Player must not sign a Playing Contract and/or Player Appearances Agreement with more than one TeamCo.
- 2.6 If a Player signs a Playing Contract and/or Player Appearances Agreement with more than one TeamCo, the Playing Contract and/or Player Appearances Agreement which was executed first in time shall prevail and, for the purposes of these Regulations, the later Playing Contract(s) and/or Player Appearances Agreement(s) shall be deemed void.
- 2.7 TeamCos shall not be entitled to trade any Players with another TeamCo at any time, whether during the Signing Window or otherwise.

### **3 AUCTION**

- 3.1 In order to be eligible to participate in the Auction, each Player must upload to The Hundred Portal between 09:30 (GMT) on 19 January 2026 to 16:00 (GMT) on 16 February 2026:
- 3.1.1 a fully completed Auction Registration Form;
  - 3.1.2 a fully executed Player Auction Agreement; and
  - 3.1.3 any required data protection and other paperwork requested by the ECB.
- 3.2 A Player will not become Auction Registered until the ECB has confirmed such registration via email to the Player (which registration will be determined by the ECB at its sole discretion).
- 3.3 The Auction shall be conducted in accordance with the Auction Rules.
- 3.4 At the end of the Auction, each TeamCo must have signed no less than 14 Players and no more than 16 Players in their Squad.

### **4 WILDCARD DRAFT**

- 4.1 In order for any Player to be eligible to participate in the Wildcard Draft, either:
- 4.1.1 by a date notified by the ECB in writing which shall be no later than 16:00 (GMT) on the date that is one month before the Wildcard Draft, they must upload to The Hundred Portal:
    - (a) a fully completed Wildcard Draft Registration Form;
    - (b) a fully executed Wildcard Draft Agreement; and
    - (c) any required data protection and other paperwork requested by the ECB; or
  - 4.1.2 they are registered for the Auction and at that point confirm on the Auction Registration Form that they are prepared to be selected and signed in the Wildcard Draft in the event that they are not: (a) selected in the Auction; or (b) signed as a Permanent Replacement Player or Temporary Replacement Player (after the Auction but before the Wildcard Draft).
- 4.2 A Player will not become Wildcard Draft Registered until the ECB has confirmed such registration via email to the Player (which registration will be determined by the ECB at its sole discretion).
- 4.3 The Wildcard Draft shall be conducted in accordance with the Wildcard Draft Rules.
- 4.4 Each TeamCo must sign two Players in their Squad in the Wildcard Draft.

### **5 REPLACEMENTS**

- 5.1 Any Player who:
- 5.1.1 was Auction Registered and/or Wildcard Draft Registered but was not selected by any TeamCo during the Auction or the Wildcard Draft; and

- 5.1.2 has confirmed on their Auction Registration Form or Wildcard Draft Registration Form, as applicable, that they are prepared to be selected as a Replacement Player, will automatically be included on the Replacement Roster.
- 5.2 TeamCos shall only be able to sign Replacement Players under this Regulation 5 who have been included on the Replacement Roster.
- 5.3 Any Player who has been replaced in accordance with this Regulation 5 will not count towards the mandatory Squad size pursuant to Regulation 6.1 for the duration of such replacement.

#### Permanent Replacement Event

- 5.4 If a Permanent Replacement Event occurs at any time, a TeamCo may seek to engage a Permanent Replacement Player by submitting a written request, in a form as prescribed by the ECB, to the Competition Technical Committee for its approval, which request will include the following:
- 5.4.1 in cases of injury or illness, suitable written medical evidence from an independent qualified medical practitioner relating to the extent of such injury or illness and the prognosis for recovery; and (where applicable) any contrary written opinion of the Player and/or the Player's appointed qualified medical practitioner;
- 5.4.2 in the case of International Duty, suitable written evidence from the relevant Player's national governing body; and
- 5.4.3 in the case of right-to-work ineligibility and/or ineligibility related to visas or immigration issues, suitable written evidence from the Home Office.
- 5.5 A Permanent Replacement Player will be engaged by the TeamCo until the end of the Competition and will be removed from the Replacement Roster.

#### Temporary Replacement Event

- 5.6 Prior to the start of the Competition Period, a TeamCo may seek to engage a Temporary Replacement Player for the duration of the Temporary Replacement Event by submitting a written request, in a form as prescribed by the ECB, to the Competition Technical Committee for its approval, which request will include the following:
- 5.6.1 in the case of a Player's participation in an alternative cricket franchise league, suitable written evidence from the relevant Player's team participating in that alternative cricket franchise league; and
- 5.6.2 in the case of International Duty, suitable written evidence from the relevant Player's national governing body.
- 5.7 A Temporary Replacement Player will be engaged by the TeamCo for the duration of the Temporary Replacement Event and will be removed from the Replacement Roster for the remainder of the Competition.
- 5.8 Notwithstanding Regulation 5.7, a Temporary Replacement Player shall be eligible to be engaged by the same TeamCo for more than one Temporary Replacement Event.

- 5.9 A Player who has been replaced pursuant to a Temporary Replacement Event shall be eligible to return to the Squad following the cessation of the Temporary Replacement Event (a **“Temporarily Replaced Player”**).

#### Exceptional Circumstances

- 5.10 If Exceptional Circumstances occur during the Competition Period, a TeamCo may seek to engage a Replacement Player by submitting a written request, in a form as prescribed by the ECB, to the Competition Technical Committee for its approval, which request will include details as to why the circumstances meet the criteria of Exceptional Circumstances.
- 5.11 The Competition Technical Committee shall consider any such request and will, in its sole discretion, determine whether to consent to the request by determining whether the circumstances constitute Exceptional Circumstances.
- 5.12 Should the Competition Technical Committee consent to the signing of the Replacement Player on the basis of Exceptional Circumstances, the Competition Technical Committee shall be entitled to place any conditions on the signing of that Replacement Player as it sees fit.

#### General

- 5.13 A TeamCo shall only be entitled to offer to engage a Replacement Player where the Competition Technical Committee, in its sole discretion, consents in writing to any such replacement.
- 5.14 TeamCos may only contract one Replacement Player per Permanent Replacement Event, Temporary Replacement Event or Exceptional Circumstances, as applicable.
- 5.15 Subject to Regulation 5.8, a Withdrawn Player will not be eligible to participate in the Competition and may not subsequently become a Replacement Player.
- 5.16 The Competition Technical Committee shall have the power to adopt any procedures it considers appropriate in its absolute discretion to consider any matter, and may make decisions by the Chair of the Competition Technical Committee acting alone or otherwise as the Chair of the Competition Technical Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances.

## **6 SQUAD COMPOSITION**

- 6.1 Following the conclusion of the Wildcard Draft, each TeamCo must have a minimum of 16 Players and a maximum of 18 Players in its Squad at any given time.
- 6.2 Each TeamCo must have two Wildcard Players in its Squad at any given time.
- 6.3 No TeamCo may have more than four Overseas Players in its Squad at any given time.
- 6.4 A Team may play up to four Overseas Players in the starting eleven (or as a substitute) in any Match.
- 6.5 By 16:00 (BST) on 8 July 2026, unless otherwise notified in writing by the ECB, each TeamCo must confirm its Squad in writing to the ECB, including designating at least two Players as their designated wicket keepers.

## **7      PLAYER SALARIES**

TeamCos must comply with The Hundred Salary Cap Regulations in respect of all Player and Squad salaries.

## **8      ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY**

8.1      Only Players who are TeamCo Registered Players will be eligible to play for that TeamCo in the Competition.

8.2      In order for a Player to become TeamCo Registered, the relevant TeamCo must upload the following documents in respect of each Player to The Hundred Portal, by no later than the time prescribed by the ECB:

8.2.1      a fully executed Playing Contract and a fully executed Player Appearances Agreement with that TeamCo;

8.2.2      a signed written undertaking in the form prescribed by the ECB;

8.2.3      any data protection or other paperwork prescribed by the ECB;

8.2.4      in the case of Overseas Players, an NOC; and

8.2.5      a valid, completed Competition Registration Form (together with any additional evidence required by the ECB to verify the information provided in that registration form).

8.3      No Player will be eligible to play for any TeamCo in any Match unless:

8.3.1      the Player has completed to the ECB's satisfaction each of: (i) the Anti-Corruption Module; (ii) the Recreational Drugs Module; and (iii) the Anti-Discrimination/Professional Behaviours Module; and

8.3.2      the Player has passed all ECB cardiac screening requirements.

8.4      No Player will be eligible to register for more than one TeamCo during the Competition.

8.5      A Player shall only be eligible to play in any knock-out Match in circumstances where they have been part of the Squad for the Team in at least two Matches in the group stage.

8.6      A Player's registration as a TeamCo Registered Player will be cancelled if:

8.6.1      they submit written notice to [Players@TheHundred.com](mailto:Players@TheHundred.com), signed by the TeamCo and the Player agreeing to such cancellation;

8.6.2      they become a Withdrawn Player;

8.6.3      the Player ceases to be eligible to be registered in the Player Category they were registered under; or

8.6.4      their TeamCo Registration is cancelled by the ECB for any reason, including but not limited to under Regulation 9.2.

## **9 ECB POWERS**

- 9.1 The ECB has an overriding discretion to refuse to grant a registration in respect of a Player where:
- 9.1.1 a Player or TeamCo has not complied with the relevant registration requirements, including providing incomplete and/or inaccurate information to the ECB, or by the requisite deadline;
  - 9.1.2 a Player is not eligible to be registered in the relevant Player Category;
  - 9.1.3 a TeamCo is subject to any applicable player registration sanctions under any ECB Regulations;
  - 9.1.4 the Player in question is subject to any suspension or period of ineligibility under any ECB or ICC Regulations or the Regulations of another ICC Member Country; or
  - 9.1.5 having given the relevant TeamCo and Player a reasonable opportunity to make representations the ECB considers, in its absolute discretion, that the grant of such registration adversely affects (or is likely to adversely affect) the best interests, image or reputation of the Competition, the ECB or cricket generally.
- 9.2 The ECB has the power, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend a Player's registration:
- 9.2.1 where the Player has provided inaccurate information to the ECB during the course of the registration process;
  - 9.2.2 to give effect to a decision of the Cricket Discipline Panel or any other tribunal or panel appointed under any ECB Regulations or ICC Regulations or the Regulations of another ICC Member Country (as applicable); or
  - 9.2.3 if it considers, in its absolute discretion and having given the relevant TeamCo and Player a reasonable opportunity to make representations, that such cancellation or suspension, as applicable, would be in the best interests of the Competition, the ECB or cricket generally.

## **10 GENERAL**

- 10.1 Each TeamCo and Player must not, by directly or indirectly colluding or attempting to collude with any third party, unfairly and/or improperly influence the signing of any Player in any of the Signing Window, the Auction or the Wildcard Draft.
- 10.2 The men's Competition is an open gender competition.
- 10.3 The women's Competition is a female-only competition and the Player Gender Eligibility Regulations will apply to determine Player eligibility for the women's Competition wherever applicable.
- 10.4 Any reference to consent or approval will mean that such consent or approval is in writing (which will include email).



## 11 INTERPRETATION

The following definitions will apply in these Regulations:

**Auction** means the ECB's auction system through which cricketers are selected by a TeamCo to be a member of its Squad in The Hundred;

**Auction Registered** means a Player who has successfully registered with the ECB to participate in the Auction;

**Auction Registration Form** means the ECB's standard form registration form required for participation in the Auction;

**Auction Rules** means the rules and procedures which govern the operation of the Auction as prescribed by the ECB and circulated in advance of the Auction, as set out in Schedule 2;

**Central Contract Player** means a Player as listed in Schedule 1;

**Competition** means the 2026 edition of The Hundred competition comprising the men's Competition and the women's Competition;

**Competition Period** means the period commencing five days prior to the first Match and concluding at 23:59 (BST) on the day of the final;

**Competition Registration Form** means the ECB's standard form registration form required for participation in the Competition;

**Competition Technical Committee** means the committee of the ECB that is established pursuant to The Hundred Competition Technical Committee Terms of Reference that has the delegated full power and authority to make and enforce certain decisions under these Regulations and on matters as the ECB considers appropriate that the ECB is required to take in connection with these Regulations;

**Cricket Discipline Panel** means the panel of individuals responsible for adjudicating on regulatory matters on behalf of the ECB as set out in the Disciplinary Procedure Regulations;

**Disciplinary Procedure Regulations** means the regulations governing the disciplinary procedure for regulatory cases brought before the Cricket Discipline Panel as in force and amended from time to time;

**Direct Signing** means:

- (a) an Overseas Player; or
- (b) a Central Contract Player,

who signs the Playing Contract and Player Appearances Agreement with a TeamCo during the Signing Window and who was not part of that TeamCo's squad for the 2025 edition of the competition;

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

- (a) during the professional cricket season in England and Wales immediately preceding the Auction, was registered with a Professional County Club as a Qualified Cricketer

(as defined in the relevant 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).

**Draft Official** means the independent person chosen by the ECB to oversee the Wildcard Draft;

**ECB** means the England and Wales Cricket Board Limited;

**Exceptional Circumstances** means circumstances which meet the following criteria:

- (a) the relevant circumstances were unforeseen; and
- (b) the relevant circumstances are out of the control of the relevant TeamCo; and
- (c) the relevant TeamCo will suffer or is suffering significant detriment as a result of the relevant circumstances.

By way of example, should both designated wicket keepers be assessed as injured or ill for a Match such that neither can on medical grounds keep wicket, this would constitute Exceptional Circumstances.

**ICC Regulations** means the Regulations issued by the ICC as in force and amended from time to time;

**International Duty** has the meaning given to it in the Player Appearances Agreement;

**Match** means a match in the Competition;

**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 relevant Registration Regulations);
- (b) proves to the ECB’s satisfaction 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 they are 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 considered to be unable to play in: (i) all; or (ii) more than 50% of the Matches in the group stage of the Competition;
- (b) International Duty;
- (c) the Player’s visa, NOC or other required work permit being revoked for all or part of the Competition or only being made available for part of the Competition; or

(d) retirement.

**Permanent Replacement Player** means a Player engaged by a TeamCo following a Permanent Replacement Event, in accordance with Regulation 5;

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

**Player Appearances Agreement** means the standard form player appearances agreement as prescribed by the ECB;

**Player Auction Agreement** means the standard form player auction participation agreement as prescribed by the ECB;

**Player Category** means each of:

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

**Player Gender Eligibility Regulations** means the ECB's Player Gender Eligibility Regulations, as amended from time to time;

**Player's Employer** has the meaning given to it under the Player Appearances Agreement;

**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;

**Registration Regulations** means the ECB's Competitive County Cricket Registration Regulations or the ECB's Tier 1 Registration Regulations, as applicable, as amended from time to time;

**Replacement Player** means any Player signed by a TeamCo pursuant to Regulation 5, including a Permanent Replacement Player, a Temporary Replacement Player and a Player signed in the event of Exceptional Circumstances;

**Replacement Roster** means the list of Players who are eligible to be Permanent Replacement Players or Temporary Replacement Players maintained by the ECB;

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

**Signing Window** means 09:30 (GMT) on 27 November 2025 up to and including 16:00 (GMT) on Friday 16 January 2026 or such other date(s) as otherwise notified in writing to TeamCos by the ECB;

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

**Team** means one of the teams competing in the men's Competition or the women's Competition;

**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:

- (a) International Duty; or
- (b) a Player is temporarily unavailable to carry out his role for the Team as a result of their participation for another team in another cricket franchise league, where the dates of such participation fall during the Competition Period;

**Temporarily Replaced Player** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 5.9;

**Temporary Replacement Player** means a Player who is signed by a TeamCo as a result of, and for the duration of, a Temporary Replacement Event;

**The Hundred** means the ECB's short-form cricket competition, comprising eight men's Teams in the men's Competition and eight women's Teams in the women's Competition;

**The Hundred Portal** means the online portal administered by the ECB where any documentation and/or information should be submitted in accordance with these Regulations;

**The Hundred Salary Cap Regulations** means the ECB's The Hundred Salary Cap Regulations, as amended from time to time;

**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 Registered** means a Player who has successfully registered with the ECB to participate in the Wildcard Draft;

**Wildcard Draft Registration Form** means the ECB's standard form registration form required for participation in the Wildcard Draft;

**Wildcard Draft Rules** means the rules and procedures which govern the operation of the Wildcard Draft as prescribed by the ECB and circulated in advance of the Wildcard Draft, as set out in Schedule 3;

**Wildcard Draft Agreement** means the standard form wildcard draft agreement as prescribed by the ECB;

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

**Withdrawn Player** means a Player who is permanently withdrawn from participation in the Competition pursuant to a Permanent Replacement Event, Temporary Replacement Event or Exceptional Circumstances, excluding a Temporarily Replaced Player.

## **SCHEDULE 1: CENTRAL CONTRACT PLAYERS**

### Men's

Rehan Ahmed	Jofra Archer
Gus Atkinson	Jonny Bairstow
Sonny Baker	Shoaib Bashir
Jacob Bethell	Harry Brook
Jos Buttler	Brydon Carse
Zak Crawley	Sam Curran
Liam Dawson	Ben Duckett
Will Jacks	Jack Leach
Liam Livingstone	Saqib Mahmood
Jamie Overton	Ollie Pope
Matthew Potts	Adil Rashid
Joe Root	Phil Salt
Jamie Smith	Ben Stokes
Olly Stone	Josh Tongue
Reece Topley	Chris Woakes
Luke Wood	Mark Wood

Women's

[TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE ECB]

## **SCHEDULE 2: AUCTION RULES**

[TO BE CIRCULATED BY THE ECB]

### **SCHEDULE 3: WILDCARD DRAFT RULES**

[TO BE CIRCULATED BY THE ECB]