

ECB CLASSIFICATION OF DOMESTIC OFFICIAL CRICKET

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This document sets out what domestic fixtures the ECB has classified as Official Cricket in accordance with the ICC Classification of Official Cricket (“**ICC CoOC**”). It is not intended to be applied retrospectively or to lead to changes in classification made prior to this document becoming effective.

This Classification is supplemental to the ICC CoOC, which governs the classification of international cricket.

Any matches played within England and Wales that do not fall within this list will not be considered Official Cricket for the purpose of the ECB’s Rules and Regulations.

The ECB Cricket Operations Team is entitled to update this list following any further classifications, in which case a revised list will be published on the ECB website.

First-Class Matches

The following matches which comply with the ICC CoOC will be classified as First-Class Matches:

- a) The County Championship
- b) Multi-Day Matches by national teams or “A” teams of Full Member countries against Professional County Club teams (Men’s 1st XI and Women’s Tier 1)

List A Limited Overs Matches

The following matches which comply with the ICC CoOC will be classified as List A Limited Overs Matches:

- a) The One Day Cup Men’s Competition
- b) The One Day Cup Women’s Competition (a Tier 1 Competition)
- c) The One Day Cup Women’s League 2 (a Tier 2 Competition)
- d) Limited Over Matches by national teams or “A” teams of Full Member countries or Associate Member countries which have (at the time of the match) been granted ODI status by the ICC against Professional County Club teams (Men’s 1st XI and Women’s Tier 1 and Tier 2)

List A Twenty20 Matches

The following matches which comply with the ICC CoOC will be classified as List A Twenty20 Matches:

- a) The T20 Blast Men’s Competition
- b) The T20 Blast Women’s Competition (a Tier 1 Competition)
- c) The T20 Blast Women’s League 2 (a Tier 2 Competition)
- d) The Men’s Hundred
- e) The Women’s Hundred
- f) Twenty20 Matches by national teams or “A” teams of Full Member countries or countries which have (at the time of the match) been granted ODI status by the ICC against Professional County Club teams (Men’s 1st XI and Women’s Tier 1 and Tier 2)

Other Matches

The following matches will be classified as Official Cricket by virtue of the provisions of paragraph 9 of the ICC CoOC:

- a) Any ECB-arranged matches which fall under the categories listed above except where one or both teams field more than 11 players
- b) ECB-arranged second XI county competitions
- c) ECB-arranged showcase matches played between Professional County Clubs and National Counties or University Centre Cricketing Excellence teams
- d) ECB-arranged England U19 matches
- e) ECB-arranged England Lions matches against incoming official tour teams
- f) England Women "A" matches against incoming official tour teams
- g) England Women Development matches against incoming official tour teams
- h) Professional County Clubs Select XI against incoming official tour teams
- i) Any open cricket domestic cricket competitions arranged by the ECB and participated in by first teams of a Professional County Club
- j) Any women's domestic cricket competitions designated by the ECB as being a "Tier 1" competition
- k) Any women's domestic cricket competitions designated by the ECB as being a "Tier 2" competition
- l) ECB Women's T20 County Cup