



YPLN Eligibility of Players

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1	ECB Premier Division
1.1	All players must be fully registered before playing in League or Cup matches – see the documents in ‘Player Registration’.
1.2	No team may field more than 1 player from Category 3 (Unqualified Player) except as in 1.3 below.
1.3	A team may field a second Category 3 player with special permission from the League Secretary or an Assistant Secretary. This special permission will only be granted for players who fail to meet the Category 1 criteria because they have only recently moved to this country for genuine reasons involving work or study. Clubs must provide evidence of this when making the application for special permission.
1.4	Clubs may sign a maximum of one replacement Category 3 player before 30 June.
1.5	Clubs may play County contracted players provided that in any season the player plays for only one club in YPLN.
1.6	Dual registration and open age loans will be allowed in order that Premier League clubs can loan players to clubs in lower leagues in order to give them experience.
1.7	Players may be transferred from other Saturday league clubs in accordance with the YCB transfer rules. Any such transfer must be approved by the League before the player takes part in any match.
1.8	No transfers or registrations will be allowed after midnight on August 15 th except with the specific permission of the League.
1.9	Players cannot play in other ECB Premier Leagues under the ‘dual-registration’ scheme.
1.10	Under 12 age group players or younger may not play, or act as substitute fielder, in matches played under the auspices of the League, unless they have previously been selected in a County U12 or Area U12 squad, are a minimum of 11 years old on 1st September in the year preceding the current season and the club holds explicit written consent for them to play.
1.11	Under 13 age group players may play in matches played under the auspices of the League provided that the club holds explicit written consent for them to play.
1.12	Any team in breach of any of these rules will be subject to penalties as laid down in the League’s Schedule of Penalties.
2	Other Divisions
2.1	All players must be fully registered before playing in League or Cup matches – see the documents in ‘Player Registration’.
2.2	All teams must include a minimum of 8 Category 1 players
2.3	Category 3 players are not eligible to play in Championship and below without special permission from the League Secretary or an Assistant Secretary. This special permission will only be granted for players who fail to meet the Category 1 criteria because they have only recently moved to this country for genuine reasons involving work or study. Clubs must provide written evidence of this when making the application for special permission.
2.4	There is no limit to the number of Category 3 players which may be registered by a club.

	2.5	Clubs may register ONE Category 2 (Contracted Player) player.
	2.6	Category 2 (Contracted Player) players are not eligible to play below the First Division.
	2.7	All bona-fide members of a club will be regarded as eligible, irrespective of whether they receive financial or other reward for playing cricket, from any source.
	2.8	No transfer will be permitted after midnight on August 15 th except with the specific permission of the League.
	2.9	Transfer regulations will be waived for players who have not reached their 17th birthday in order to allow them to play for another club, on a loan basis, with the written permission of the club holding their registration, who will retain their first option on the player. The Junior Loan Scheme will not apply to junior players who are considered to be regular first team members of the club holding their registration. Players from clubs outside the YPLN may be utilised under the Junior Loan Scheme provided they are not regular members of their club's first team. Such players will not be eligible after midnight on August 15 th except with the specific permission of the League.
	2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Adult players may transfer on a loan basis in order to assist short-handed clubs. ii Loan players will only be allowed to play for the club's lowest team in YPLN. iii No loan players will be allowed above Division 3. iv Loan players will not be allowed to play in re-arranged Saturday League Matches. v A club's lowest ranked or single team in Divisions 3 to 5 will only be able to loan players who are regular players in the same or a lower division. However, loan players will not be allowed to play against their 'parent' club. The definition of 'regular' player is as in Rule 2.13. vi Loan players must be fully registered on Play-Cricket with a 'parent' club in YPLN and must also be registered as a Loan Player by the borrowing club within 24 hrs of the match being played and using the Thursday following the match as the 'expiry date'. vii Any breach of these rules will be subject to penalties laid down in the League's Schedule of Penalties.
	2.11	Any player, whether adult or junior, involved in a loan transfer will not be permitted to sign for the borrowing club for the current or subsequent season without the specific permission of the loaning club and approval by the League's Registration Officer.
	2.12	Players may be 'dual-registered' with two or more clubs in the instances of clubs loaning out players. Written permission must be given by the club holding the player registration, who will then be eligible to play for another named club until that permission is withdrawn. Team strengthening rules will apply. Dual-registered players will not be permitted to permanently join any other club they have played for under this rule for a period of 12 months after the agreement has been terminated unless both clubs agree.

2.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="331 152 1401 219">i No club will strengthen its second, or lower, team, at any stage in the season, with a player who has played regularly for one or more of its higher teams. <li data-bbox="331 226 1401 360">ii A player will be classed a regular player for the team that he has made most appearances for during the season. Players will only be classed as a regular player for a team once they have played 4 matches for that team during the current season. Category 2 players will be regarded as regular first team players. <li data-bbox="331 367 1401 501">iii Clubs may drop a player to a lower team for a genuine reason such as loss of form, return from injury, signing of new players or more players becoming available, for example, but clearance must be sought from the Secretary or a deputy before the fixture takes place. <li data-bbox="331 508 1401 642">iv If one of a club's teams does not have a fixture, for whatever reason, any player who has been a regular player for that team cannot play for one of the club's lower teams without clearance from the Secretary or a deputy who may place a caveat on the role that the player can play in the match. <li data-bbox="331 649 1401 757">v Any player who has played 10 or more matches for particular teams by August 15th will only be eligible to play for a lower team for remaining matches of the season with clearance from the Secretary or a deputy before the fixture takes place. <li data-bbox="331 763 1401 824">vi Any breach of these rules will be subject to penalties laid down in the League's Schedule of Penalties.
2.14	Under 12 age group players or younger may not play, or act as substitute fielder, in matches played under the auspices of the League, unless they have previously been selected in a County U12 or Area U12 squad, are a minimum of 11 years old on 1st September in the year preceding the current season and the club holds explicit written consent for them to play.
2.15	Under 13 age group players may play in matches played under the auspices of the League provided that the club holds explicit written consent for them to play.
2.16	Any team in breach of any of these rules will be subject to penalties as laid down in the League's Schedule of Penalties.