



YPLN Eligibility of Players

(Updated April 2021)

1	ECB Premier League
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 2 players from Category 3 (Unqualified Player)
1.3	Clubs may sign a maximum of one replacement Category 3 player before 30 June.
1.4	Clubs may play County contracted players provided that in any season the player plays for only one club in YPLN.
1.5	YCA players can be dual registered with other clubs in the YPLN but cannot play for both YCA and their home club in the ECB Premier League in the same season.
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 from midnight on July 31st to midnight on September 30th.
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	Y&DSCL 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 the Y&DSCL Divisions 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 Division Two.

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 the 17th fixture date of the season 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 York & District Senior League 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 the 17th match of the season.
2.10	Adult players may transfer on a loan basis in order to assist short-handed clubs. Such players shall not have made more than two appearances at a level of more than two divisions above the borrowing team. Adult loan players must play in a club's lowest team whether it be in the YDSCL or elsewhere, subject to the regulations of the League competition in which the lowest team plays. If the competition does not allow the use of loan players, then it will be the next team up which competes in a League that does and which therefore may include the player. Team strengthening rules apply.
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	No club will strengthen its second, or lower, team, at any stage in the season, with a regular first team player without just reason and may only be effected after clearance by the Secretary or a deputy, whose decision will be final. A 'regular first team player' will be defined as a player the majority of whose recent previous appearances have been in the first team. A Category 2 players will be regarded as a 'regular first team player'.
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.
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