

Proposed changes to the Surrey Championship Constitution

Note that Text in **RED** are the amendments to the existing rules and playing conditions

To Amend PC5 (a) of The Constitution

Insert new wording "The results of these matches played in the Championship shall be tabled in league form on the following points basis (including the provision of bonus points under the provisions of PC5 (c))"

In PC5 (a) under the bullet points amend as follows

- Win – 24 points
- Lose – no points
- Tie – 12 points **to each side**

In a drawn game where the side batting second has received a minimum of 10 overs (the scoring rate is to be determined by dividing the number of runs scored by the legitimate number of balls received)

- For the side with the faster scoring rate, 2 points
- For the side with the slower scoring rate, **no points** will be awarded
- Where both sides have an identical scoring rate, 1 point **will be awarded to each side**

If the AGM subsequently votes to amend the number of overs constituting a match to 10 overs then:

In addition to the above, an abandoned match is determined where the side batting second has not received Ten (10) overs. In this case, 4 points only will be awarded to each side

Note - If the AGM subsequently votes NOT to amend the number of overs constituting a match to 10 overs then this sentence will remain as is and no changes will be made to the playing conditions in each tier.

Note – appropriate changes to the Playing Conditions in each Tier will be made if the AGM votes in favour of 10 overs constituting a match.

To Amend PC5 (b) of The Constitution

The results of these matches played in the Championship shall be tabled in league form on the following points basis (including the provision of bonus points under the provisions of PC5 (c))

In PC5 (b) under bullet points amend as follows

- Win 20 points
- Lose – no points
- Tie – 10 points to each side

In addition to the above, an abandoned match is determined where the side batting second has not received Ten (10) overs. In this case, 4 points only will be awarded to each side.

Note - If the AGM subsequently votes NOT to amend the number of overs constituting a match to 10 overs no changes will be made to the playing conditions in each tier.

Note – appropriate changes to the Playing Conditions in each Tier will be made if the AGM votes in favour of 10 overs constituting a match.

To Amend PC 1 (b) Tiers One and Two:

There will be an interval of 30 minutes between innings, although this may be varied at the discretion of and agreement of both the Umpires and Captains in the case of an interrupted match. If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, this interval of 30 minutes shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier, providing that this does not lead to an interval occurring more than 40 minutes prior to the scheduled interval. If so the side batting second will commence their innings and tea will be taken at the scheduled time”.

General Amendment

To Amend the Constitution and any or all playing conditions with appropriate numbering of Rules and Playing Conditions for reference purposes only, if such current numbers change as a result of these proposed amendments.

To delete PC12 PC13 PC14 PC15 and PC16, of The Constitution, and replace with the following in it's entirety:

PC12 – REGISTRATION CATEGORIES OF PLAYERS	
(a)	<p>Each player that is required to be registered in the Premier and 1st Division of the 1st XI, as detailed herein, will be registered in one of the following Four categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Category 1 - All players except those in categories 2 and 3.(2) Category 2 - Contracted Player - See PC13 in its entirety.(3) Category 3 – Overseas Player - See PC14 in its entirety.(4) Category 3E – Overseas Exempt player – See PC 14 in its entirety. <p>The definitions of each category has been determined by the ECB and are as follows:</p> <p>Category 1. A Player who is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. A British or Irish citizen born in England and Wales and orii. Has been Resident in England and Wales for the immediately preceding four consecutive years and is deemed Ordinarily Resident. <p>Note:</p> <p>“Resident”:</p> <p>A player will only be treated as having been resident within England and Wales for the relevant consecutive period if he has spent a minimum of 210 days in each year within England and Wales (for which purpose ‘year’ shall mean a year ending 31st March).</p> <p>“Ordinarily Resident”:</p> <p>A player will be treated as Ordinarily Resident if he has been resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 18 months before 31st March in the relevant year and he has not been out of England and Wales for longer than 35 days consecutively or 70 days in total during the previous two years.</p> <p>Category 2. A Full Contracted Player (“Full”) is:</p> <p>A player who is at the time of registration, contracted to a First Class County Club or who is on the M.C.C. Groundstaff ("a Full Contracted Player").</p> <p>A Home Contracted Player (Home”) is:</p> <p>A current member of the club requesting registration and has been a member for at least two consecutive seasons prior to the current season in which registration is being requested OR has played at least 12 games within the last two prior seasons.</p> <p>Category 3.</p>

	<p>An Overseas Player (“Overseas”) is:</p> <p>A player may be so defined as a player who is not Category 1 or Category 2 or Category 3e.</p> <p>Category 3e. An Overseas Exempt Player is:</p> <p>Any player not qualified under Category 1 BUT is Ordinarily Resident within the meaning detailed above, and is not an Overseas Player or a Full or Home contracted player.</p>
(b)	<p><u>Special Exceptions 1</u></p> <p>The following exceptions apply to Divisions 2 to 5 of the 1st XI inclusive:</p> <p>An Overseas Player who is intending to be registered and play for any XI other than a 1st XI Premier or 1st XI Division One side is so defined:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. <i>is not qualified to play for England under current ECB regulations as amended from time to time, and</i> II. <i>has spent the last English winter or part of it outside the United Kingdom.</i> <p><i>For the purposes of this rule:-</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> III. <i>"last winter" means the winter immediately prior to the season in question running from the 1st October to the 30th April;</i> IV. <i>part of "the last winter" shall mean any period or periods totalling in excess of four weeks in the said period between 1st October and 30th April , and</i> V. <i>the definition of "ordinarily resident" shall be in the absolute discretion of the Executive who shall take into account among other factors whether the player has a home in this country, is in the country or is abroad temporarily or permanently, the length of any working contract abroad and nationality.</i>
PC13 – REGISTRATION PLAYING CONDITIONS	
(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. A valid Surrey Championship Registration is a registration that has been applied for on the appropriate form of The Championship AND has been accepted by The Registration Secretary of The Championship II. A valid Play Cricket Registration is a registration that has been entered, by the player and or the club into the Play-cricket system AND has been accepted by The Registration Secretary of The Championship within the Play-Cricket system
(b)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. All member clubs within The Championship must ensure that all players regardless of the XI that they will be playing in, will have a valid Play-Cricket registration established. II. Players requiring to be registered as detailed herein have additionally to establish a valid Surrey Championship registration. No player requiring to be registered may play unless such a registration exists. III. A valid registration does not exist until the Registration Secretary has confirmed to the club making the application that the registration has been completed. IV. No Club with a 1st XI in the 1st XI Premier Division or a the 1st XI Division 1 may play any player in its 1st XI unless that player has:

	<p>a. A valid Surrey Championship Registration – see PC13 (a)</p> <p>b. A valid Play-Cricket Registration – see PC13 (a)</p> <p>V. In addition, no club with a 1st XI in any Championship Division may play an Overseas player an Exempt Overseas player or a Contracted Player, as defined herein in PC12, in any of its XIs unless that player has:</p> <p>a. A valid Surrey Championship Registration – see PC13 (b)</p> <p>b. A valid Play-Cricket Registration – see PC13 (b)</p> <p>VI. Every registration application must define the category into which it is considered the player falls and may be refused if the Registration Secretary considers the player does not comply with the requirements of that category.</p> <p>VII. All such players as require to be registered and are known by a member club to be available to play in at least the first match of the Championship season, should apply to be registered on Play-Cricket and with the Championship, by 30th April each year. However, Any such players as require to be registered that are not registered on Play-Cricket or with the Championship, may be the subject of applications for both registrations before 9pm on the Wednesday before the first match that the player will play in, notwithstanding the Playing Conditions regarding the registration of overseas players.</p> <p>VIII. The lodging of applications by the time limits referred to in VII above does not guarantee that the player will be registered in time for the match following as the Registration Secretary may refuse the application or require further information or evidence. The acceptance of an application for registration must be confirmed by the Registration Secretary for the player to be eligible to play.</p> <p>IX. When the application to register has been entered by the player and or club into Play-Cricket, The Championship Registration Secretary will process the Play-Cricket registration request and advise the club of the registration application status, which is either accepted or refused.</p> <p>X. Only players with an accepted registration may play. Should any unregistered player play in a relevant championship match then R11(b) will apply.</p> <p>XI. For the purpose of this Playing Condition a playing member of a club in the Surrey County League shall be deemed to be playing Championship cricket. In the event that a club has a side in the Surrey County League then that player must be registered in accordance with these playing conditions.</p>
(c)	<p>I. Any player playing Saturday league cricket for a club outside of the Surrey Championship is not eligible to play on an occasional basis.</p> <p>II. However, any player who is currently at School or University or bonā fide Education establishment, and provides evidence to support this, may be registered on Play-Cricket for two Premier Leagues concurrently during their time at the said establishment; however, upon concluding their time at the said establishment, the player must de-register from one of the two Premier Leagues.</p>

(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. No player may play Championship cricket for more than one club in any season without the permission of the Executive. II. Any player who required to be registered under the provisions herein must be deregistered by the first club and reregistered by the second club before playing for the second club. III. For any player not requiring to be registered with the Championship the receiving club must apply to the Registration Secretary on the relevant transfer form IV. Providing the reregistration or transfer application is accepted, the player will be eligible to play for the new club three weeks after approval by the Championship Executive. V. For the purpose of this playing condition a playing member of a club in the Surrey County League shall be deemed to be playing Surrey Championship cricket.
(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. No Member Club shall register more than one Overseas Player (Category 3) each year. II. However, a second Overseas player ("the second player") may be registered, on or before 31st May of each year provided that the first player registered in the same year ("the first player") has not played in a league game that same year and on registration of the second player the registration of the first player shall lapse. III. A Member Club may be required to produce a player's passport or any other documentary evidence e.g. Bank Statements and/or Utility Bills, as the Executive may reasonably require to enable it to make its decision on the question of "ordinarily resident" or "resident" status. The decision of the Executive on any question of "ordinarily residence" or "resident" status shall be full and binding on both the player and the Member Club. IV. Any player who played in the Division 2 in the preceding year other than as an Overseas Player and who would still qualify as such within the Conditions relating to Division 2, shall not be an Overseas Player for the purposes of the above provisions when playing for the same club in Division 1. V. An Overseas player may play in any XI subject to playing conditions relating to players having played in higher divisions.
(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Any new contracted player must be registered by 31 May unless he obtains his contract after the 31 May in that same year. If a player obtains a contract with a County Club or the MCC Groundstaff after 31st May then he must be registered immediately and before he plays. II. Any Contracted player CURRENTLY registered for a club in the previous season does not have to re-register each year if he continues to play for that same Member Club. However, if he changes County Club or Member Club he must be re-registered with his new details. III. Any Contracted Player who subsequently leaves a club must be de-registered from that club with immediate effect. IV. A club may play any or all Home Contracted Players, however: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A Contracted Player (either Full or Home) shall only be entitled to play in the First XI side of a Member Club. b) Member Clubs in the Premier Division only of the Championship 1st XI may play two Full Contracted Players in any one match providing that at least one player is contracted to Surrey CCC. A Member Club may therefore elect to play a Full Contracted Player who is contracted to a county other than Surrey CCC alongside a Full Contracted Player allocated to that club by Surrey CCC. If available, a Surrey CCC Full Contracted Player shall be selected ahead of a non-Surrey CCC Full Contracted Player.
(g)	<p>A player who is resident in England and Wales and would be either Category 1 or Category 3e status, but for having relocated outside of England and Wales for temporary work or educational purposes (unrelated to Cricket), for a period of no more than 24 months may apply</p>

	to the league to be considered as Category 1 or Category 3e status immediately on his return to England and Wales. Approval is at discretion of the league and is not automatic.
(h)	Any player who satisfies both the requirements of an Overseas and Contracted Player shall be registered as a Contracted Player. However, notwithstanding registration as a Contracted Player, all other conditions and restrictions in these Playing Conditions shall apply as if that player had been registered as a Contracted Player. In particular, any such player shall be included in the quota of Full Contracted Players permitted by these Playing Conditions, and as such the overseas player, as a contracted player, can only play in the 1 st XI of the said club.
(i)	<p>I. No player joining a club from outside of the Surrey Championship shall make his initial league appearance of the season in any of the Divisions of the First or Second XI League in the last four matches of the current season without the prior sanction of the Executive on application made by 2.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the date of a Match.</p> <p>II. For the purpose of this Playing Condition a playing member of a club in the Surrey County League shall be deemed to be playing Championship cricket.</p>
(j)	<p>I. No Member Club shall play without the prior sanction of the Executive on application made by 9.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the date of a Match, any player in any game of The Championship in the last four matches of any season of the Championship who has played during that season in twelve or more matches for any Member Club in any of the Divisions of a higher League.</p> <p>II. For the purpose of this Playing Condition only, higher League shall include Divisions of the Surrey County League.</p>
(k)	In the event that any Member Club is found to be in breach of any of the Main Playing Conditions above concerning contracted players, overseas players, registration and player restrictions by playing in any match an ineligible player the Rules and Playing Conditions Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee shall have absolute discretion under R11 (b), to impose such penalty as is deemed appropriate including the imposition of a points deduction and or a financial penalty.