

1. OVERSEAS PLAYER GUIDANCE

- 1.1 An overseas player is someone who is not currently eligible to play for Ireland under current International Cricket Council (ICC) Rules
- 1.2 Clubs will be able to register only one overseas Professional or Amateur (subject to allowances for resident players)
- 1.3 When registering an overseas player clubs must provide to the NWCUCricket Operations Committee (COC) the following prior to registration being considered.

Tier 5 Professionals

- a. Copy of UK Visa or similar right of legal entry to UK
- b. A valid UKCC Level 2 coaching qualification or equivalent qualification as per CI/ECB guidelines.
- c. A letter from the police authorities in the players home country that he is free from conviction of criminal offences against young persons
- d. Proof they have attended and completed a Child Protection Course, valid in the UK/Ireland within the last 3 years, if they have not attended one or the one that they have expires prior to the end of the season in which they intend to play then they must attend a course or renew the qualification by 31st May of the current year. The Union reserve the right to suspend/withdraw a player's registration should they fail to meet the terms of this clause.
- e. A First Aid certificate valid in the UK/Ireland dated within 3 years, if they cannot provide one, or the one that they have expires prior to the end of the season in which they intend to play then they must attend and pass or renew the qualification by 31st May of the current year. The Union reserve the right to suspend/withdraw a player's registration should they fail to meet the terms of this clause
- f. Copy of Passport
- g. A fully completed NWCUCricket Overseas Professional Declaration and Registration Form

Overseas Amateurs

- a. Copy of UK Visa or similar right of legal entry to the UK (that allows him/her to play cricket as an Amateur)
- b. Copy of Passport
- c. A fully completed NWCUCricket Overseas Amateur Declaration and Registration Form

Residency Allowances

Players who are not currently eligible to play for Ireland under current ICC rules may, subject to conditions below, be registered to play as 'local' and not be deemed as the clubs one overseas player.

- a. To be qualified as Resident the player must satisfy the NWCUCricket that he/she has been resident in Northern Ireland/Ireland for 183 days from May 1st of the previous year to the season he/she is being registered for (except as in e. below)
- b. Be an EU National resident in Northern Ireland/Ireland
- c. Be a non-EU National resident in Northern Ireland/Ireland who is entitled to reside and work in Ireland
- d. Be a non-EU National who is on a full-time study course, or a part-time course involving more than 15 hours class contact per week provided that

- i) The player does not work for more than 20 hours per week during term-time, except where a placement is a necessary part of the studies that is attended with the agreement of the educational institution attended and;
 - ii) The course is under the auspices of a Northern Ireland University or University in Ireland, or in the case of an Institute of Further and Higher Education, is accredited by an external accrediting body; and
 - iii) The duration of the course is at least one academic year; and
 - iv) The player's attendance started not later than the beginning of the academic year that includes the cricket season for which the registration is sought
- e. If a player can satisfy the Union that he is resident for reasons unconnected with cricket then the Union may at its discretion accept such registrations despite the player not having been resident for 183 days
Such cases shall include but not be restricted to;
- i) The player's employer having transferred him to Northern Ireland/Ireland
 - ii) The player having gained employment in Northern Ireland/Ireland prior to his arrival provided that;
 - iii) Appropriate recruitment processes and practices had been applied
 - iv) The post is permanent and full-time (or full-time and for a fixed term of at least 51 weeks)
- f. Clubs must fully complete a NWCU Overseas Resident Declaration and Registration Form

1.4 The onus will be on clubs who are using the services of an overseas player, whether professional, amateur or resident to obtain and submit the necessary documentation referred to in 15.3 to the Union Cricket Administration Officer before confirmation of registration can be granted.

1.5 The Union are not registered to give advice on immigration, clubs should refer to the Home Office website for up to date information, the onus is on clubs to ensure that any player they bring from overseas is done so legally

1.6 The BOC decision shall be final in all matters relating to the registration of overseas players

No overseas player shall be replaced after July 31st unless he has been called up for international duty with his country. Any overseas player being replaced must have the prior approval of the COC.

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