



Men's Starring Regulations 2026

Men's Leagues

1st XI to 2nd XI Teams

1. The 1st XI must nominate **7 starred players**.
2. All the unstarred players can play for 1st & 2nd XI.
3. Only **2 unstarred players from the 1st XI may play in any one game for 2nd XI**
4. Unstarred 1sts players cannot play for 3rd XI or below.

2nd XI to 3rd XI

1. The 2nd XI must nominate **7 starred players**
2. All the unstarred players can play for 2nd & 3rd XI.
3. Only **3 unstarred players from the 2nd XI may play in any one game for 3rd XI**
4. Unstarred 2nd XI players cannot play for 4th XI or below.

3rd XI to 4th XI

1. The 3rd XI must nominate **6 starred players**
2. All the unstarred players can play for 3rd & 4th XI.
3. Only **4 unstarred players from the 3rd XI may play in any one game for 4th XI**

4th XI to 5th XI

1. The 4th XI must nominate **5 starred players**
2. All the unstarred players can play for 4th & 5th XI.
3. Only **4 unstarred players from the 4th XI may play in any one game for 5th XI**



Starring System

1st XI		2nd XI		3rd XI		4th XI	
Player 1	Starred	Player 1	Starred	Player 1	Starred	Player 1	Starred
Player 2	Starred	Player 2	Starred	Player 2	Starred	Player 2	Starred
Player 3	Starred	Player 3	Starred	Player 3	Starred	Player 3	Starred
Player 4	Starred	Player 4	Starred	Player 4	Starred	Player 4	Starred
Player 5	Starred	Player 5	Starred	Player 5	Starred	Player 5	Starred
Player 6	Starred	Player 6	Starred	Player 6	Starred	Player 6	Unstarred
Player 7	Starred	Player 7	Starred	Player 7	Unstarred	Player 7	Unstarred
Player 8	Unstarred	Player 8	Unstarred	Player 8	Unstarred	Player 8	Unstarred
Player 9	Unstarred	Player 9	Unstarred	Player 9	Unstarred	Player 9	Unstarred
Player 10	Unstarred	Player 10	Unstarred	Player 10	Unstarred	Player 10	Unstarred
Player 11	Unstarred	Player 11	Unstarred	Player 11	Unstarred	Player 11	Unstarred

Maximum 'Stacking' Examples

1st XI		2nd XI		3rd XI		4th XI		5th XI
Player 1		Player 1		Player 1		Player 1		Player 1
Player 2		Player 2		Player 2		Player 2		Player 2
Player 3		Player 3		Player 3		Player 3		Player 3
Player 4		Player 4		Player 4		Player 4		Player 4
Player 5		Player 5		Player 5		Player 5		Player 5
Player 6		Player 6		Player 6		Player 6		Player 6
Player 7		Player 7		Player 7		3rd Unstarred		4th Unstarred
Player 8		Player 8		2nd Unstarred		3rd Unstarred		4th Unstarred
Player 9		1st Unstarred		2nd Unstarred		3rd Unstarred		4th Unstarred
Player 10		1st Unstarred		2nd Unstarred		3rd Unstarred		4th Unstarred
Player 11		Player 11		Player 11		Player 11		Player 11



Cup Starring Regulations

1. Any player who plays in the NW Senior Cup (Senior Cup & Sammy Jeffery are the same competition) will be deemed as 'cup-tied' for lower grade competition, exceptions to this rule are as follows.
2. If the player is U15 they may play for any other team within their club, (dependent on their unstarred status) despite having played in the Senior Cup, however once they play in another 'league' cup competition they may not play in a 'league' cup competition for a lower graded team within their club
3. Players who play in the Irish Senior Cup, Irish National Cup or NW T20 Cups (Premier Section 1 group and knockout stages, Premier Section 2 league stage) will not be deemed as being 'cup tied' for a lower graded team.
4. Clubs are reminded that where they are able to play unstarred players in cup competitions they may play on the maximum number allowed from the unstarred allocation, this also takes into account those who have become unstarred due to the 'totting up' process.
5. Should a team concede a cup match all of the 11 named players on that teams respective starred players list (including unstarred players) will be automatically classed as being starred.
6. Where an unstarred player(s) is already deemed 'burnt' then the NWCU Starring Committee will inspect the teams playing list for the current season and decide on which player(s) will be deemed 'burnt' – this will usually be decided by which non listed player(s) have played the most games for that team.

General

7. Upon completing 7 league games at Senior Level a player not listed on the 1st XI team list will automatically become a further unstarred player. (NW Senior, Samuel Jeffrey, Irish & T20 Cup Competition will not count as games played for this starring regulation).
8. Upon completing 8 league matches for a team which they are not listed, the player will be automatically added to the unstarred list of the respective team as necessary.
9. No player who is eligible to play U15 cricket in the Derry Midweek Cricket League Junior Leagues shall be starred, they may however be an unstarred player, limiting which teams they may play for.



Starring Committee

1. The Starring Committee shall consist of 5 members, where necessary members may be co-opted.
2. Regarding holding meetings and starring decisions 3 members shall form a quorum.
3. The Starring Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Cricket Operations Committee and will actively seek to see that each team is as fairly represented as possible at the various levels of cricket played.
4. The lists sent in by clubs shall be reviewed and verified by the Starring Committee. The starring committee shall reserve the right to make changes as they feel necessary to lists as submitted by clubs, any changes will be notified via email to the club secretary concerned.
5. The starring committee will continue to review lists as necessary throughout the season, making changes if felt necessary.
6. Clubs may request changes to their starring lists, these must be made via email to Brian Acheson – by the Tuesday preceding the next set of weekend fixtures they will affect. These requests will be considered by the starring committee and the requesting club notified of the decision by the Thursday of the same week, the starring committee reserve the right to refuse requests as necessary.