

Regulations Governing the Qualification and Registration of Cricketers

1 Definitions

- 1.1 Competitive County Cricket refers to matches played in the course of:
 - 1.1.1 the First Class County Championship and the Minor Counties Championship;
 - 1.1.2 the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy, the Norwich Union League and the Benson and Hedges Cup; and
 - 1.1.3 any other similar competition authorised by and designated as Competitive County Cricket by the ECB.
- 1.2 The EU means the European Union as constituted at 1st April, 1995, namely the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland and Sweden and any other countries becoming members of the Union thereafter, together with the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
- 1.3 Residing and resident mean the occupation of a bona fide home (i.e. the only or main home of the Cricketer concerned) and the acquisition of temporary accommodation during the season may not fulfil this requirement. See also Regulation 14.8 of the Regulations Governing the Qualification of Cricketers To Play For England.
- 1.4 The ECB means the England and Wales Cricket Board or a duly appointed Committee thereof, currently the Registration and Contracts Standing Committee.
- 1.5 County, except where the context may otherwise

require, means one of the County Cricket Clubs from time to time playing in the County Championship or the Minor Counties Championship.

- 1.6 First Class Cricket for the purposes of The Regulations Governing The Qualification and Registration of Cricketers for Competitive County Cricket and The Regulations Governing The Qualification of Cricketers to Play For England below means First Class Cricket as recognised by the International Cricket Council and, at the discretion of the ECB, competitive cricket, not recognised as First Class by the International Cricket Council, played by teams which also play First Class Cricket as so recognised.
- 1.7 Test Match means any match recognised as such by the International Cricket Council and One Day International Match means a limited-overs international match (or a series of such matches) between Full Members, or between Associate Members, or between a Full Member or Members and an Associate Member or Members, of the International Cricket Council.
- 1.8 A season means the English cricket season running from 10th April to 30th September, both dates inclusive.
- 1.9 The close season means the period from 1st October in one year to 9th April in the next year, both dates inclusive.
- 1.10 Great Britain means England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, but for the purposes of The Regulations Governing The Qualification of Cricketers to Play For England no part of Great Britain, other than England, shall be regarded as a country.
- 1.11 Full Member Country means a Country which is a full member of the International Cricket Council.

2 Qualifications for Registration for Competitive County Cricket

Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB and subject as provided below, a Cricketer will only be qualified to play in a Competitive County Cricket match (a Qualified Cricketer):

- 2.1 if he is an EU national

In addition

- 2.2 he must not have
- 2.2.1 played First Class Cricket in any Full Member Country outside Great Britain within the 12 months leading up to April 1st immediately before the season in question, except as an overseas cricketer under local rules similar to Regulation 3 below, or in any other circumstances approved by the ECB
- 2.2.2 represented any other Full Member Country at U17 level or above within the four years leading up to April 1st immediately before the season in question;
- 2.3 he must make, whenever requested by the ECB, a declaration in the form set out in Annex A to these Regulations;
- 2.4 If at any time the cricketer becomes disqualified through the provisions of 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 above, he must notify both the ECB and his County Cricket Club.

Note A Cricketer qualified for an ICC Associate or Affiliate Country can continue to represent that country without adversely affecting his eligibility unless and until the Cricketer has played for a Full Member Country at Under 19 level or above, in which case the normal rules shall apply.

- 2.5 A cricketer must be qualified for England under the provisions of regulation 14 below to be eligible to represent a Minor County.

3 Unqualified Cricketers

3.1 Each County will be entitled to have registered for it at any one time one and, subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB, only one Unqualified Cricketer (i.e. a Cricketer who does not fulfil the requirements of Regulation 2 above). A County shall not make a legally binding arrangement with an Unqualified Cricketer, whether in the form of a contract of employment or otherwise, to play him as a registered Cricketer for any period except the then current season or, during the close season, the next ensuing season and, in either case, the next season thereafter.

3.2 *A County will be entitled to change its one registered Unqualified Cricketer after the commencement of the season only in the following circumstances:*

3.2.1 *he is chosen to play for his country for the whole or part of an official tour of Great Britain; or*

3.2.2 *before 1st August if the player is injured and the injury is sufficiently serious to be of at least six weeks' duration. The responsibility shall be with the County to provide sufficient evidence of the seriousness of the injury to satisfy an ECB appointed medical officer or panel. The original Unqualified Cricketer will not be permitted to be re-registered for the County in the same season. In the case of injury, there shall be only one such substitution per County per season.*

In either case, the registration of the original Unqualified Cricketer must be cancelled in respect of the balance of the season before his replacement is registered.

(This regulation 3.2 applies also to the four ICC Associate Member Countries and the Minor County and County Board teams participating in the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy.)

3.3 *A County wishing to register an Unqualified Cricketer must obtain the written consent of the Governing Body for cricket of any country or countries for which he is qualified to play in a Test Match before applying to the ECB to register him.*

- 3.4 *If the Unqualified Cricketer, having been registered, accepts an invitation to play for another country for the whole or part of an official tour of Great Britain or for any country (other than England) participating in any competition under the auspices of the International Cricket Council, his County must release him and, except with the prior consent of the ECB, may not play the Cricketer during the currency of that tour or while the relevant country continues to participate in that competition.*
- 3.5 If the Unqualified Cricketer, having been registered, declines an invitation to play for a country (other than England) (in this sentence referred to as the other country) for the whole or part of an official tour or competition or indicates by whatever means to the Governing Body for cricket of the other country prior to the selection of the team for that tour or competition that he is unavailable for selection, his County may not, except with the prior consent of the ECB, play the Cricketer in any Competitive County Cricket match during the currency of that tour or while the relevant country continues to participate in that competition.

4 Ordinary and Extraordinary Registrations

- 4.1 Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB and subject as provided in Regulation 5 below and in this Regulation a County may register any Qualified Cricketer who is neither registered for nor contracted in writing by another County, but subject to any terms and conditions which the ECB may think fit to impose.
- 4.2 Except with the approval of the ECB, no First Class County may have registered for it more than 30 Cricketers at any one time. *However, a First Class County may register an additional Cricketer above this limit for every current England Test Match contracted cricketer on its staff.*
- 4.3 Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB, no

Cricketer may be registered:

4.3.1 for more than one County at any one time; or

4.3.2 for more than one County in the same season;

but this shall not prevent a Qualified Cricketer who is already registered for a Minor County being registered for a First Class County, with the consent of the Minor County concerned, without the cancellation of the registration for the Minor County being required or vice versa, with the consent of the First Class County and without the cancellation of the registration for the First Class County being required.

4.4 Each First Class County shall, on or before *24th September* in each year, send to the ECB and to every other County concerned in the County and Minor County Championships:

4.4.1 a list (List I) of all Cricketers, including Unqualified Cricketers, who either have a contract in writing to play for that County for the whole or part of the next season or, having had such a contract with that County for the season then about to end, have been offered in writing by that County a contract for the whole or part of the next season, and

4.4.2 a list (List II) of all other Cricketers who have had such a contract with that County for the season then about to end and/or are registered by that County.

4.5.1 *For the purpose of clarification of 4.4.1 above, if the Cricketer has, in writing, turned down the first offered contract, he should not be placed on List I or shall be removed from List I on application to ECB unless a further offer in writing is made to him within 14 days of receipt of the rejection letter by the County. Similarly he should not be placed on List I if the offer of a contract is withdrawn in writing before List I is distributed.*

4.5.2 In all cases where a Cricketer is placed on List I because he has been offered a contract in writing for all or part of the next season, which has not at that stage been

accepted, a copy of that written offer shall accompany the copy of List I supplied to the ECB.

- 4.5.3 Once the County has distributed its Lists I and II, it may not alter them without the consent of the ECB, which may at any time, after investigation, transfer a Cricketer's name from one List to the other or delete it altogether. Furthermore no County may, without the prior consent of the ECB, enter into a contract with a Cricketer who is on another County's List I, which is conditional on that Cricketer being moved by the ECB from List I to List II or on that Cricketer's registration by the County being treated by the ECB otherwise than as an Extraordinary Registration.
- 4.6 A First Class County wishing to apply for registration for the next season of a Cricketer whose name appears on another County's List I must give notice thereof in writing to the ECB and that other County.
- 4.7 The ECB will not register that Cricketer for the applicant County for at least 21 days after the receipt of such notice and, in any event, will not, except in the most exceptional circumstances, register the Cricketer for the applicant County if the ECB is satisfied that the Cricketer has entered into a contract in writing to play for that other County for the whole or part of the next season.
- 4.8 If the ECB shall decide to approve the application and register the Cricketer for the applicant County, the registration shall be treated and recorded as an Extraordinary Registration, unless the ECB in its absolute discretion, after investigation, shall decide that it will not be so treated.
- 4.9 Before the ECB takes a final decision to register such an application, any County concerned and the Cricketer shall be entitled to make representations to the ECB within such period as the ECB may allow, and any of them or the ECB may request the Investigating Tribunal referred to in Regulation 8 below to investigate and

report on the application.

- 4.10 In deciding whether a registration should or should not be treated as an Extraordinary Registration, the ECB shall consider all matters which it considers to be relevant including any report of the Investigating Tribunal and, where applicable, it shall consider whether the terms of any offer made to the Cricketer by the County on whose List I his name appears were, in all the circumstances, fair and reasonable.
- 4.11 Save in circumstances which, in the opinion of the ECB, are exceptional, no County shall be permitted to effect more than two Extraordinary Registrations in any period of twelve months or more than three Extraordinary Registrations in any period of five years. Within the limit of three Extraordinary Registrations in five years, a County will only be permitted to sign in any five year period one player under 25 on 1st April preceding the forthcoming or current season.
- 4.12 The ECB will give serious consideration on application by either a County or the Cricketer to moving Under 25 players from List I to List II if:
- 4.12.1 they have been registered and contracted with a First Class County for three full seasons or more; and
- 4.12.2 they are not, in the opinion of the ECB, getting reasonable first team opportunities; and
- 4.12.3 the ECB considers that they would have significantly improved opportunities of playing first team cricket at another County.

5 Further Provisions Relating to Registration

- 5.1 Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB, no Cricketer may play in any Competitive County Cricket match unless he is registered for the County for which it is desired that he shall play, except as a loan Player (see

Regulation 8 below).

- 5.2 Every registration shall remain effective until cancelled in accordance with Regulation 6 below.
- 5.3 An application for registration shall be submitted in duplicate on the ECB's official Application Form which shall be signed by the Secretary of the County (or another authorised official) and the Cricketer.
- 5.4 Not later than 10th April each County shall send to the ECB and to every other County concerned in the County and Minor Counties Championships lists, in a form prescribed by the ECB, of:
 - 5.4.1 the Cricketers it has registered and it expects to be available to play for it during the coming season, showing whether or not the County has lodged with the ECB an undertaking by the Cricketer in respect of the relevant season in the form required by The Directives of The ECB as in force from time to time and any other certificate or undertaking required from time to time by the ECB; and
 - 5.4.2 the Cricketers whose registration for that County has been cancelled since the circulation of the previous season's list.
- 5.5 Normally new registrations will take place during the close season, but in exceptional circumstances a County may apply to register a Cricketer in the course of a season. Any such registration must be notified to the other Counties as provided in 5.4 above within 14 days after such registration.
- 5.6 The list referred to in 5.4 above and any applications and further notifications under 5.5 above must state clearly whether the Cricketer is, or is to be, a full time or substantially full time member of the County's staff (full time Cricketer) for all or part of the relevant season. No full time Cricketer may play in any Competitive County Cricket match unless the County has satisfied the ECB, if so required, that the contractual position between the

County and the Cricketer has been settled and covers the relevant period, which may be for part of a season only.

- 5.7 If at any time after the season's list is lodged with the ECB a County lodges any such undertaking or certificate as is mentioned in 5.4 above, it will at the same time give notice of this to all other Counties.
- 5.8 Registration will not become effective until the ECB has issued a confirmation that registration has been effected, provided that in a case of emergency the Chief Executive of the ECB or his authorised deputy may confirm that registration has become effective before an Application Form completed in all respects has been received by the ECB.

6 Cancellation of Registration

- 6.1 Cancellation of a registration may only take place as follows:
- 6.1.1 by written notice to the ECB signed by the County and the Cricketer agreeing to such cancellation;
- 6.1.2 by written notice by either the County or the Cricketer to the ECB and the other
- (a) if the Cricketer is on List II circulated by the County, at any time after its circulation;
- (b) in any other case, during the close season but not before 31st October, so long as the Cricketer does not have a contract with the County covering all or part of the following season; and
- 6.1.3 by the ECB
- (a) if it considers that it would be in the best interests of Competitive County Cricket as a whole (including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, as a result of any failure by the County or the Cricketer to comply with any terms and conditions imposed under Regulation 4.1 above) that such cancellation should take place. The cancellation under this paragraph shall not

- take place until the County and the Cricketer have been given a reasonable opportunity of making representations to the ECB. Moreover the ECB, the County or the Cricketer may request an investigation and report by the Investigating Tribunal referred to in Regulation 8 below and the ECB shall take into account all matters which it considers to be relevant including the Tribunal's report;
- (b) in circumstances falling within Regulation 3.2 above or if it grants an application to which Regulation 4.8 above applies;
 - (c) on the relevant 10th April, in the case of a registered Cricketer who is not on the list supplied by his County pursuant to Regulation 4.4.1 above, unless, despite the absence of his name from such list, he has a contract of employment with his County covering all or part of the season commencing on that day; or
 - (d) if, within a reasonable period after he has been requested so to do by the ECB, the Cricketer has not made and delivered to the ECB a declaration in the form set out in Annex A to this Regulation, including, if so requested, a renewal of such declaration.
- 6.2 If the registration of a Cricketer is cancelled during the period of his contract with a County, whether pursuant to Regulation 3.2 above or otherwise, and the contract remains effective for all or part of the season following that for which the registration is cancelled, the County will so notify the ECB and the Cricketer will remain, until the contract terminates, subject to and bound by the Rules, Regulations, Directives and Resolutions of the ECB and in all respects subject to the ECB's jurisdiction as if he had remained a registered Cricketer.

7 Negotiations Between Counties and Cricketers

- 7.1 A County must not approach or be involved in discussions with any registered Cricketer or any agent or other person on his behalf during the currency of a season with a view to offering him a trial or registering

him or employing him in any capacity without first obtaining the written consent of the County for which he is registered, but this shall not apply to approaches or discussions by a First Class County where the Cricketer's only registration is with a Minor County, so long as not less than 14 days' prior written notice has been given to the Minor County concerned. A First Class County that fails to provide such notice or receive the consent of the Minor County Secretary, will be liable to a £500 fine.

7.2 A County must not approach or be involved in discussions with a registered Cricketer or any agent or other person on his behalf during the close season with a view to offering him a trial or registering him or employing him in any capacity without first obtaining the written consent of the County for which he is registered, but this will not apply:

7.2.1 to a Cricketer on List II of the County for which he is registered provided that prior written notice of the intention to make the approach or begin discussions is given to that County and to the ECB.

7.2.2 to any other Cricketer who has no contract in writing with the County for which he is registered for all or any part of the following season (including such a Cricketer on List I), in which case a County may make an approach or begin discussions on *15th October*, provided that not less than 14 days' prior written notice to that effect is given to the County for which he is registered and to the ECB, but no such notice shall be given before 1st October.

(To ensure that a player in the last year of his contract has a 15-day window of opportunity to consider other offers, Counties have agreed that all contract offers will remain on the table until the end of October at the earliest).

7.2.3 to a Cricketer whose only registration is with a Minor County in which event a First Class County may

approach or have discussions with him so long as prior written notice has been given to the Minor County concerned and to the ECB. A First Class County that fails to provide such notice or receive the consent of the Minor County Secretary, will be liable to a £500 fine.

- 7.3 A First Class County must not approach or be involved in discussions with any Cricketer (or any agent or other person on his behalf) who is under the age of 14 and who has close cricketing connections with another First Class County without that County's written consent. The ECB may issue guidelines from time to time as to what will be regarded as close cricketing connections for the purposes of this Regulation.
- 7.4 Notified List
- 7.4.1 Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB and the provisions of this Regulation, a County may notify the ECB of the name of any cricketer over 14 and under 18 years of age who is not registered or contracted in writing by any other County and with whom the Notifying County has close cricketing connections.
- 7.4.2 The ECB shall keep a record of those cricketers so notified to it and shall draw up a list which shall be known as the Notified List and which shall be effective from 10th April or, as the case may be, from 30th September in each year, hereinafter known as the Notifying Dates. The County so notifying shall be known as the Notifying County and the cricketers on the list as Notified Cricketers.
- 7.4.3 No cricketer may be placed on the Notified List without his written consent.
- 7.4.4 No cricketer may be placed on the Notified List by more than one County at any one time.
- 7.4.5 A Cricketer may be placed on the Notified List for a particular Notifying Date notwithstanding that he is not yet 14 years old, if his 14th birthday falls between that Notifying Date and the next and he and his parent or

guardian consents in writing

7.4.6 A cricketer placed on the Notified List shall remain a Notified Cricketer, whatever his age, until the next Notifying Date, unless he becomes a Registered Cricketer, or the Notified Cricketer, the Notifying County and the ECB consent to his removal from the Notified List.

7.4.7 Each County, on or before each Notifying Date each year, shall send to the ECB and to every other County concerned in the County and Minor County Championships, a list of names of those cricketers whom it requests the ECB to place on the Notified List or inform the ECB that it has no cricketer it wishes placed on the Notified List. The Notified List so compiled shall remain in force from the Notifying Date up to and including the day of the next Notifying Date.

7.4.8 No County may approach or be involved in discussions with any Notified Cricketer or any agent or other person on his behalf with a view to offering him a trial, or registering him or employing him or playing him for that County in any capacity and at any level without first:

- (a) giving notice in writing to the Notifying County of the intention to make an approach;
- (b) sending a copy of such notice to the ECB; and
- (c) receiving written acknowledgement of such notice from the Notifying County

and no such approach or discussions shall take place until after the expiration of 21 clear days from the date of such written acknowledgement.

7.5 Each registered Cricketer shall be deemed to have undertaken that:

7.5.1 neither he nor any agent or other person on his behalf will approach or be involved in discussions with any other County during the season with a view to

employment in any capacity without the written consent of the County for which he is registered;

7.5.2 neither he nor any agent or other person on his behalf will approach or be involved in discussions with any other County during the close season with a view to employment in any capacity without first obtaining such written consent, but this will not apply:

- (a) to a Cricketer on his County's List II provided that prior written notice of the intention to make the approach or begin discussions is given to his County and to the ECB;
- (b) to any other Cricketer who has no contract in writing with the County for which he is registered for all or any part of the following season (including such a Cricketer on List I) in which case he may make such an approach or begin discussions after 31st October provided that he has given not less than 14 days' prior notice to that effect to the County for which he is registered and to the ECB but no such notice shall be given before 17th October.

7.6 In order to discourage informal approaches including approaches through a County's registered Cricketers, if an employee or agent (including another Cricketer) or official or member of the Governing Body of a County approaches or is involved in discussions with a Cricketer or any agent or other person on his behalf, such approach or discussions shall be regarded for the purposes of this Regulation as an approach or discussion on behalf of that County, except in circumstances where the County satisfies the ECB that this was contrary to a written instruction received by the employee or agent or official or member of the Governing Body concerned and that the employee or agent or official or member of the Governing Body concerned had not been authorised to make the approach or to be involved in the discussions. For this purpose a person shall be deemed to be an agent of a County at any time when he is engaged in an activity at

the request or with the authority of that County or in respect of which he receives any remuneration or other benefit (including reimbursement of any part of his expenses) from that County or on the basis of past experience could reasonably expect to receive any such remuneration or other benefit as aforesaid.

- 7.7 The provisions of 7.1 and 7.2 above shall also apply to a Cricketer who is in the process of qualifying as a Qualified Cricketer under Regulation 2.2 above as if he was a registered Cricketer for a County where:
 - 7.7.1 the County concerned has a bona fide intention to register that Cricketer on qualification;
 - 7.7.2 the Cricketer is contracted by the County during the season or seasons remaining before qualification, and
 - 7.7.3 the County has notified the ECB and all other Counties in writing of the position relating to that Cricketer by reference to this paragraph.

8 Loan of Players

Loans of cricketers are to be permitted, subject to the following conditions:

- 8.1 The loan of a registered player (the loan player) from one County (the Home County) to another County (the Away County) will be permitted only with the prior approval of the ECB.
- 8.2 Only cricketers aged Under 25 on the 1st April immediately preceding the relevant season may be loaned. In exceptional circumstances, the loan of a player aged over 25 may be approved by the ECB.
- 8.3 A loan may only take place before the end of May in exceptional circumstances and with the prior approval of the ECB.
- 8.4 Loans may take place only with the agreement of the Home County, the Away County and the player, and, if

- applicable, the ECB.
- 8.5 Loans must be for a minimum period of 6 weeks in the first instance and the first loan period must commence on or before 31st July in the relevant season. Two subsequent extensions of at least four weeks, or, if a shorter period, until the end of the season, may be permitted with the approval of the ECB.
 - 8.6 A player who has played in each of the Second XI Trophy and the Benson and Hedges Cup for one County may not play for another County in the same competition in the same season. A player may play for more than one County in the First Class County Championship and in the NUL. Where, at the date of the loan, the loan player has not yet represented the Home County in the Second XI Trophy and the Benson and Hedges Cup, the Home County must state whether they will permit the loan player to represent the Away County in each of those competitions, as the case may be.
 - 8.7 A player may not play, on loan, for more than one County in any one season.
 - 8.8 The Away County will pay to the Home County the basic salary and other contractual payments (except pensions) due to the player during the course of the loan period (and as set out in the player's contract with the Home County), plus VAT, if applicable. In addition, during the loan period, the loan player will receive from the Away County any appearance monies, win bonuses etc. to which other members of the Away County's team would be entitled. The player's pension contributions will continue to be paid by the Home County.
 - 8.9 The registration (and the contract) of the loan player will remain with the Home County until the expiration of the player's contract or the cancellation of his registration by the ECB.
 - 8.10 Only in exceptional circumstances and with the prior approval of the ECB will a loan player be permitted to return to play for his Home County during the loan

period originally agreed. Exceptional circumstances would include, for example and without limitation, an unexpected international call-up or injury to a key player for whom the loan player provides cover.

- 8.11 At the end of a loan period (including any extensions) the loan player will return to his Home County and will be entitled to the normal benefits of his contract (until its expiry).

9 Investigating Tribunal

The Investigating Tribunal shall consist of a Chairman, nominated by the ECB and approved by the Professional Cricketers' Association or, in the absence of such nomination and approval, appointed by the Chairman of Sport England, together with one member nominated by the ECB and one member nominated by the Professional Cricketers' Association.

10 Disputes Between Counties and Between Counties and Cricketers

Any unresolved dispute between Counties or between Counties and Cricketers as to the interpretation or implementation of these Regulations shall be referred to the ECB for a decision, and such decision, subject to the provisions for appeal contained in Regulation 13 below, shall be binding on the parties to the dispute.

11 Notices

Any notice to be given to a County under these Regulations shall be deemed to be properly given if sent by First Class post addressed to the Secretary of the County at the address for that County registered with the ECB and any notice to be given to a Cricketer under these Regulations shall be deemed to be properly given if sent by First Class post to him at his last known address in the United Kingdom. Any such notice shall be deemed to be served on the second day following that on which it is put in the post.

12 Registration and Contracts Standing Committee

Unless otherwise determined by the ECB, all the powers and discretions of the ECB under this shall be delegated to and exercised by the Registration and Contracts Standing Committee of the ECB on the ECB's behalf.

13 Appeals Procedure

- 13.1 *Appeals from parties directly involved in decisions of the ECB under these Regulations, including decisions by the Registration and Contracts Standing Committee shall be made to the Registration and Contracts Appeal Panel. Written notice of appeal must be lodged in a prescribed form with ECB's Administration Manager within 14 days of notification of the decision.*
- 13.2 *To be in prescribed form, the notice must record the decision or part of the decision against which the Appeal is made and the grounds and basis of the Appeal. The notice must be accompanied by a deposit of £150 which may be used as part of any costs awarded against the Appellant or returned to him in whole or in part after the Appeal hearing at the discretion of the Registration and Contracts Appeal Panel.*
- 13.3 *As and when required, the Chairman of the Discipline Standing Committee shall appoint three persons to constitute a Registration and Contracts Appeal Panel. The Panel will be chaired by the Chairman of the Discipline Standing Committee or nominee from within his Committee and include one person nominated by the Professional Cricketers' Association.*
- 13.4 *The Chairman of the Registration and Contracts Appeal Panel shall fix a date for the Appeal hearing which shall be within 28 days of the lodging of the notice.*
- 13.5 *The Registration and Contracts Appeal shall determine its own procedure but the Registration and Contracts Standing Committee will normally be represented as a*

party to the Appeal.

- 13.6 *Decisions of the Registration and Contracts Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote; where necessary the Chairman of the Panel having a casting vote.*
- 13.7 *Decisions of the Registration and Contracts Appeal Panel shall be communicated in writing to the parties and the Registration and Contracts Standing Committee as soon as possible after the hearing.*
- 13.8 *The power of the Registration and Contracts Appeal Panel to award costs against the Appellant shall be unlimited.*
- 13.9 *Any decision of the Registration and Contracts Standing Committee shall stand pending determination of any appeal.*

Annex B

Declaration referred to in Regulation 2.3 above

To the England and Wales Cricket Board

I declare that it is not my desire or intention to play cricket for any Full Member Country outside the European Union and accordingly I will not play, and I am not seeking and will not seek to qualify to play, cricket at any level for any such country.

I acknowledge that this declaration shall not prevent me from representing an ICC Associate or Affiliate Country unless and until I have represented an ICC Full Member Country at Under 19 level or above.

14 Qualification for England

Subject to the overriding discretion of the ECB, acting with the consent of the International Cricket Council, a Cricketer will only be qualified to play for England in a Test Match or in a One Day International Match:

- 14.1 if he was born within Great Britain; or
- 14.2 if his mother or father was born within Great Britain, or

he himself or his mother or father was born within Scotland or any part of Ireland, and in either case the Cricketer is residing, and has been resident for the preceding four consecutive years, within Great Britain; or

- 14.3 if he is residing, and has been resident for the preceding seven consecutive years, within Great Britain; or
- 14.4 if he is residing, and has been resident both for the preceding four consecutive years and since the day before his fourteenth birthday, within Great Britain.

In addition subject to 14.12 below

- 14.5 he must be either a British citizen or an Irish citizen; and
- 14.6 he must not have during the relevant period (as defined in paragraphs 14.2, 14.3 and 14.8)
 - 14.6.1 played First Class Cricket for any Full Member country except England, or
 - 14.6.2 during such period and after 30th September 1994 played cricket for any Full Member country except England at Under 19 level or above, or
 - 14.6.3 during such period and after 30th September 1995 played cricket for any Full Member country except England at Under 17 level or above, provided that the reference above to First Class Cricket shall not apply if at the time when a match is played the country concerned has no reason to believe that the relevant match could be treated as First Class; and
- 14.7 in the case of a Cricketer seeking to become qualified under 14.2 above, if, before commencing the appropriate period of residence within Great Britain, he has played First Class Cricket in any Full Member country outside Great Britain, the four year period in 14.2 above shall be increased, to a period not exceeding seven years, by one year for every cricket season during

which the Cricketer played such First Class Cricket; and

14.8 in the case of a Cricketer seeking to become qualified under 14.2, 14.3 or 14.4 above he will (until he has become qualified to play for England) only be treated as having been resident within Great Britain for the relevant consecutive period if he has spent a minimum of 210 days in each year within Great Britain (for which purpose year shall mean a year ending 1st April); and

14.9 in the case of a Cricketer qualified or seeking to become qualified under 14.2, 14.3 or 14.4 above, if he plays First Class Cricket in any Full Member country outside Great Britain, except as an overseas cricketer under local rules similar to Regulation 3 of The Regulations Governing The Qualification and Registration of Cricketers for Competitive County Cricket above or in any other circumstances approved by the ECB, then:

14.9.1 if he has previously qualified by residence, he shall cease to be qualified; or

14.9.2 if he is in the course of acquiring residential qualification, his period of residence within Great Britain shall be treated as terminated:

and in each such case a new period of residence will be necessary to regain or attain such qualification; and

14.10 he must make, whenever requested by the ECB, a declaration in the form set out in the Annex B to these Regulations

provided that a Cricketer born in Scotland or in Ireland who prior to 7th July 1993 played for England in a Test Match or in a One Day International Match, being qualified to do so pursuant to the Regulations of the Test and County Cricket Board then in force, shall be treated for all purposes of this Regulation as having been born in Great Britain.

14.11 The ECB may from time to time in its absolute discretion decide that a Cricketer qualified to play for England

under these Regulations shall be ineligible for selection for England for a specified period or generally and may vary or cancel that decision at any time.

- 14.12 For the purposes of 14.6, 14.7 and 14.9 above, a Cricketer qualified for an ICC Associate or Affiliate Member Country can continue to represent that Country without adversely affecting his eligibility or interrupting his qualification period unless and until the Cricketer has played at Under 19 level or above for a Full Member Country, in which case the normal rules shall apply.

Annex B

Declaration referred to in Regulation 14.10 above.

To the England and Wales Cricket Board

I declare that it is my desire and intention to play for England if selected and accordingly I will not play, and I am not seeking and will not seek to qualify to play, in a Test Match, a One Day International Match, any other First Class Match, or any other Match at Under 17 level or above for any other country.

I acknowledge that this declaration shall not prevent me from representing an ICC Associate or Affiliate Member Country unless and until I have represented an ICC Full Member Country, including England, at Under 19 level or above and provided that if at any time I should be selected to play on the same day for both England and such ICC Associate or Affiliate Country, I declare that it is my desired intention to play for England.

15 The Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy

- 15.1 The Regulations for Governing the Qualification and Registration of Cricketers for Competitive County Cricket shall apply to the 18 First Class Counties and 20 Minor Counties.
- 15.2 A Cricketer shall be qualified to play in the competition for Scotland, Ireland, Denmark or Holland as the case may be (notwithstanding that he may also be qualified to

play for another team and without in any way affecting his qualification to play for England pursuant to the Regulations Governing the Qualification of Cricketers to Play for England *if he fulfils the ICC eligibility criteria for Associate Member Countries.*

- 15.3 A Cricketer qualified to play for more than one team in the competition shall be entitled to choose which team he plays for, but he shall not, save with the consent of the ECB, play in the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy for more than one team in the same season.

Ireland, Scotland, Holland and Denmark may each play in any match in this Competition not more than one Cricketer who is not qualified under 15.2 above.

Players registered and contracted with First Class Counties will not be cup-tied as a result of having played for a County Board or Minor County in the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy once that side has been knocked out of the competition if they meet the following criteria:

- 1 They are uncapped
 - 2 They have not reached the age of 23 on 30th September of the previous year.
 - 3 At the time of their last appearance of the season in the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy for the Minor County or County Board they have not played in the First Class Championship, Benson and Hedges Cup, the Norwich Union League in the current season.
- 15.4 No player shall play for more than one of the ECB's 38 'recreational' teams (20 Minor Counties and 18 County Board teams) in this competition, the ECB 38 County Competition, or the Minor Counties Championship in any one season.

A County Board player does not need to be registered but may only play in the competition if he qualifies for registration as a Qualified Cricketer for England in accordance with regulation 14 above (County Boards are allowed to play one Unqualified Player like other

County entrants).

A maximum of two players contracted and registered for a First Class County to play for a County Board side in any match. These players must be uncapped.

16 Players' Agent Registration Regulations

16.1 (a) *A Register will be established (to be administered and maintained on behalf of the Board by the PCA) of individuals who wish to act as agents for Cricketers. There shall be entered on the Register the individual's name, address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address (if available), the company or companies which he claims to represent, the dates when he was first registered and when the registration was last renewed, and such other details as the Board may from time to time determine.*

(b) *All information entered on the Register will be made available, in such form as the Board may from time to time determine, to any person upon request and payment of such fee as the Board may from time to time determine.*

16.2 (a) *Any individual may apply at any time to have his name entered on the Register. The application must be in writing, signed by the applicant and accompanied by the following:-*

(i) *Payment of the initial registration fee, in such amount as shall be determined by the Board from time to time;*

(ii) *the Application Form and undertakings set out in Appendix A duly completed; and*

(iii) *such other information as the Board may require.*

(b) *The Board shall have a full and unfettered discretion whether to accept an application for registration or not and will not (and shall not be obliged to) give any reason for a refusal to do so.*

16.3 *Once registered, an individual's name shall remain on the Register until:-*

(i) he applies in writing for it to be removed; or

(ii) the next 31st December, when he will be entitled to apply for renewal of his registration for the following calendar year in accordance with paragraph 16.4; or

(iii) the Panel decides to remove his name from the Register in accordance with the procedures set out below.

16.4 *On or before 31st December in each year, a registered agent may apply for his registration to be renewed for the following calendar year by completing and submitting a renewal application form and paying a renewal fee, in such form and amount respectively as the Board may from time to time determine. Failure to do so on or before 31st December in any year shall result in the automatic removal of the individual's name from the Register at the close of business on that 31st December, but if he does so his registration will continue, subject to paragraph 16.3, until the next 31st December and so on.*

16.5 *An individual whose name has been and remains entered on the Register shall be entitled to describe himself as a "registered agent" or "registered with ECB", but shall not refer to his registration in any other way or otherwise use the same in any way to promote his business or otherwise to claim or imply that he is or has been vetted or approved or regulated by the Board or by the PCA or by any other body or person or in any other way.*

16.6 *The Board shall establish a Panel to supervise the administration of the Register and the operation of these Regulations and to determine whether or not to cancel the Agent's registration. The Panel shall comprise four persons, two to be appointed by the Board and two by the PCA. The Panel shall (subject to these Regulations) determine its own procedures. A quorum for the Panel*

shall be 3 members present in person and any decision by the Panel shall be taken by majority vote of those members present.

16.7(a) An individual's registration may be cancelled at any time by the Panel if it determines that there has been a breach by him at any time of any of the Board's Regulations or of any undertaking given to the Board or of any duty or obligation of any kind owed to a Cricketer.

(b) If such a breach is alleged and the Panel determines to investigate it, the Panel shall carry out such investigation (if any) as it shall consider appropriate and shall then notify the individual in question of the nature of the alleged breach and the evidence on which it is based and invite the individual to attend before it to offer his explanation. The individual may be accompanied to such hearing by a legal or other representative if he wishes.

(c) If the Panel after such hearing finds the allegation proved, the Panel may warn the individual as to his future conduct and impose such conditions in relation thereto as it considers appropriate or suspend or cancel the individual's registration with immediate effect. In any such case, the Panel's decision will be publicly announced.

(d) If the individual does not accept the Panel's decision, he may:-

Either

(i) apply for his registration to be cancelled, in which case any conditions shall cease to be applicable.

Or

(ii) appeal against the Panel's decision to the Board's Discipline Committee, in which case the Board's Discipline Standing Committee Regulations shall apply to any such appeal;

but in either case he must do so within 14 days of

being notified of the Panel's decision, failing which such decision shall be final, conclusive and binding on him.

(e) *A complaint about a registered agent's conduct may be made to the Panel by or on behalf of any Cricketer, any First Class County, any member, officer or employee of the Board or the PCA. The Panel shall have a full and unfettered discretion as to how (if at all) it investigates any such complaint.*

16.8 *A First-Class County shall not make any payment of any nature whatsoever in respect of a Cricketer to any person other than the Cricketer himself or a Registered Agent. Any First-Class County alleged to be in breach of this Regulation will be subject to disciplinary proceedings under the Board's Discipline Standing Committee Regulations.*

16.9 *A Registered Agent must:-*

(a) *comply (and use his best efforts to procure that any Cricketer he represents complies) meticulously in every respect with the Board's Rules and Regulations for the time being in force, the undertakings set out in Appendix A and any other rules, regulations or undertakings for the time being brought into effect by the Board and made applicable to him;*

(b) *enter into the PCA's standard form of agency contract (in the form set out in Appendix B or in such other form as may from time to time be issued by the PCA) with each Cricketer he represents, unless he notifies the Cricketer in writing before entering into any such contract that it is not in the PCA's standard form and simultaneously supplies a copy of that notification to the PCA; and*

(c) *not charge any Cricketer he represents a fee on any basis which could result in the Cricketer's net income before tax being (as a result of his obligation to pay a fee on that basis) less than his net income before entering into the contract with the agent, unless he notifies the*

Cricketer in writing before entering into any such arrangement that this could be the result of the arrangement and simultaneously supplies a copy of that notification to the PCA.

16.10 *In these Regulations, the masculine includes the feminine, references to paragraphs and Appendices are to paragraphs and Appendices of these Regulations and the following expressions have the following meanings:-*

- (a) *"the PCA" means the Professional Cricketers' Association*
- (b) *"the Board"....means England and Wales Cricket Board Limited*
- (c) *"the Register".means the Register established pursuant to paragraph 1*
- (d) *"registered agent"means an agent whose name is on the Register*
- (e) *"Cricketer"means any person registered or intending or hoping to be registered as such with the Board by a First-Class County*
- (f) *"First-Class County"...means one of the County Cricket Clubs from time to time playing in the First Class County Championship.*
- (g) *"the Panel".....means the Panel established pursuant to paragraph 16.6*

Guidelines

The PCA, in consultation with the Board, have produced Guidelines to these Regulations which are available to any person from either the PCA or the Board. The Guidelines are issued to help in explaining the Regulations but do not form part of the Regulations and are not binding upon the PCA or the Board. However, they may be taken into account in any disciplinary proceedings arising out of the Regulations and in any dispute between a player and his agent in arbitration

proceedings or otherwise. The Guidelines may be updated from time to time.

The Guidelines will make clear (inter alia) that:-

- (a) These Regulations do not (and are not intended to) compel any Cricketer to employ a registered agent or prevent any Cricketer from using an unregistered agent: Cricketers are free to enter into agency agreements with whomever they choose; and*
- (b) Entry of an agent's name on the Register does not in any way constitute an endorsement or any form of approval by the Board or the PCA of that agent or any kind of guarantee that he is or is likely to be of better quality than an unregistered agent or of any quality at all: it merely gives comfort that the agent has given to the Board and the PCA the undertakings contained in the application form and agreed to be bound by the Board's Regulations.*