

Club Affiliation 2026

There were some significant changes to the annual affiliation last year, which are maintained for 2026 too. Durham Cricket Foundation is now mandated by ECB to ensure that all clubs playing recreational cricket in Durham are signed up to the ECB's rules, regulations and guidance that are applicable to it (as determined by the ECB from time to time), including (i) the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code and (ii) the General Conduct Regulations or Recreational Conduct Regulations.

We (Durham Cricket Foundation) must administer a process for recreational cricket clubs within our jurisdiction (or those who can reasonably be said to be within its jurisdiction) to become affiliated to the CCB, which must require each recreational cricket club to accept that the CCB has (and may exercise) regulatory jurisdiction over it.

We must adopt, implement and enforce the ECB's General Conduct Regulations, including through the establishment and application of appropriate disciplinary procedures and the appointment of appropriate disciplinary and appeal panels.

Changes to the requirements for club affiliation have been approved by the ECB Regulatory Board and Recreational Game Committee.

As a game we have the collective responsibility to ensure participants feel safe and included in whatever capacity they choose to participate. Whether as players, volunteers, or those operating in a paid or professional capacity, we want people to feel able to manage and respond to issues of ill-discipline or discrimination when they arise. The purpose of this project is to enable us to achieve this, by supporting clubs in being proactive at point of affiliation, by way of adopting appropriate policies allowing us to act effectively as and when issues arise.

INTRODUCTION

Affiliation is the formal process by which your Club becomes a recognised member of the regulated cricket community.

By affiliating to Durham Cricket Foundation you establish a relationship with us and, by extension, the England and Wales Cricket Board ("ECB"), that enables you to gain access to a whole host of benefits only available to affiliated clubs, such as access to a range of funding opportunities and entry to national competitions.

By affiliating you demonstrate a commitment to protecting the quality and integrity of the game through your acceptance of the regulatory jurisdiction of Durham Cricket Foundation, the ECB and the Cricket Regulator; in return, you will be provided with ongoing support to help you manage the challenges that arise during the course of running a cricket club.

More details about the benefits available to affiliated clubs can be found on our website here: <https://www.durhamcricket.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-affiliation/>

AGREEMENT

By affiliating to Durham Cricket Foundation, and for the duration that it is affiliated to Durham Cricket Foundation, your Club agrees to:

1. adopt and enforce the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code ("AD Code") and comply with the obligations and disciplinary process set out under the ECB General Conduct Regulations for Recreational

Cricket ("GCRs"), the ECB Recreational Conduct Regulations ("RCRs") and any other conduct/disciplinary rules or regulations applicable to the Club;

2. accept the jurisdiction of Durham Cricket Foundation and/or the ECB/Cricket Regulator (as applicable) to enforce the AD Code, the GCRs and the RCRs against the Club and its cricketers, coaches, committee members, directors, officers, employees, contractors, members, match officials, volunteers and any other persons your Club exercises control over such as spectators (together, "Participants");
3. ensure that all Participants agree to comply with their obligations under the AD Code, GCRs, RCRs and the ECB's Safeguarding Procedure (or any successor thereof);
4. ensure that all Participants agree to accept the jurisdiction of *[County Cricket Board]* and/or the ECB/Cricket Regulator (as applicable) to enforce the AD Code, the GCRs, the RCRs and the ECB's Safeguarding Procedure (or any successor thereof);
5. adopt and implement the ECB's Safe Hands Policy;
6. being registered on the ECB's safeguarding management tool, the Safe Hands Management System;
7. recognise and give effect to:
 - a. any penalty or sanction imposed under the GCRs or the RCRs by another cricket organisation;
 - b. any penalty or sanction imposed by the ECB (including by the Cricket Discipline Commission, or any successor thereof);
 - c. any decision or outcome imposed under the ECB's Safeguarding Procedure (or any successor thereof); and
 - d. any penalty or sanction imposed by the International Cricket Council ("ICC"), any other ICC Member Country or any national or international anti-doping authority, to the extent that the penalty or sanction is also recognised by the ECB and of which you are notified or otherwise become aware of; and
8. adopt, comply with and enforce (as required), and accept the jurisdiction of Durham Cricket Foundation and/or the ECB/Cricket Regulator to enforce, such other rules and regulations as may be required by the ECB from time to time.

These conditions are set by the ECB and apply to all affiliated cricket clubs in England and Wales. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in your Club's affiliation being suspended or withdrawn.

CONFIRMATION

By affiliation you are confirming your Club's acceptance of these conditions.

The cost for the governing body affiliation is £150 per year. Included in the affiliation fee is;

- Affiliation to Durham Cricket Foundation (previously known as Durham Cricket Board)

- Affiliation to ECB
- Affiliation to DCB Junior League, now also incorporating all girl's cricket
- Affiliation to all Women's Cricket leagues.