



DURHAM CRICKET
FOUNDATION

AFFILIATION 2026

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Affiliation changed last year due to new mandatory regulations for recreational clubs. As a result, Durham Cricket Foundation is adopting regulatory jurisdiction over clubs and by affiliating, clubs acknowledge and accept the change.

Background

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 the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code and the General Conduct Regulations or Recreational Conduct Regulations.

The 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 us, which must require each recreational cricket club to accept that Durham Cricket Foundation has (and may exercise) regulatory jurisdiction over it.

Durham Cricket Foundation has adopted and will 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.

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.



Affiliation Benefits

By affiliating, your club can get access to development support from Durham Cricket Foundation whether that's assistance to recruit more volunteers, set up a new junior or women's and girls' section or apply for ECB Grants and/or Interest Free Loans.

Your club will also get access to free Public and Employer's Liability Club Insurance, the ability to apply for work permits for overseas professional players and entry in ECB National Competitions and Durham's Junior League as well as a lot more.

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS:	
Membership of your National Governing Body ECB & Durham Cricket Foundation	Free Play-Cricket website
Durham Cricket Competitions	ECB Child Welfare Resource and Training Courses
Coach Education Courses	Entry in to ECB National Competitions
Membership of the Durham Groundstaff Association	Access to ECB disciplinary/Regulations Documents
Access to groundstaff, officials and coaching staff	General ECB support and advice
Access to ECB qualified Pitch Advisors	Opportunities for your coaches to coach on Durham Cricket's Performance Pathway
Access to Coaches' Conferences	Basic support to set up and maintain a junior, women's and girls' section
Comprehensive Club Development support and advice	Coach mentoring support and visits to your club to support your club coaches
Support for grants from external organisations	Access to Club Development Planning Resource and Templates
Regular Cricket Board updates and offers	Assistance to establish and develop Club School Partnerships
Assistance on volunteer recruitment/development	Option to host Durham Cricket School Festivals at your club
Take part in ECB Volunteer Awards Scheme	Help and guidance to complete grant applications
Ability to apply for ECB grants	Coach mentoring support for your club coaches
Ability to apply for ECB Interest Free Loan	Access to be part of the Chance to Shine scheme
Take advantage of offers from ECB partners	Opportunity to host Durham Cricket County Age Group fixtures
Free Public and Employers' Liability Club Insurance from ECB Partners	Registration for NatWest Cricket Force + Benefits
Ability to apply for work permits for overseas professional players	



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