



DURHAM CRICKET
FOUNDATION

AFFILIATION 2025



Affiliation is changing

Affiliation is changing significantly for the 2025 season 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 will 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.

For the start of the 2025 season, changes to the requirements for club affiliation have now 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.



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

Durham Cricket Competitions

Coach Education Courses

Membership of the Durham Groundstaff Association

Access to groundstaff, officials and coaching staff

Access to ECB qualified Pitch Advisors

Access to Coaches' Conferences

Comprehensive Club Development support and advice

Support for grants from external organisations

Regular Cricket Board updates and offers

Assistance on volunteer recruitment/development

Take part in ECB Volunteer Awards Scheme

Ability to apply for ECB grants

Ability to apply for ECB Interest Free Loan

Take advantage of offers from ECB partners

Free Public and Employers' Liability Club Insurance from ECB Partners

Ability to apply for work permits for overseas professional players

Free Play-Cricket website

ECB Child Welfare Resource and Training Courses

Entry in to ECB National Competitions

Access to ECB disciplinary/Regulations Documents

General ECB support and advice

Opportunities for your coaches to coach on Durham Cricket's Performance Pathway

Basic support to set up and maintain a junior, women's and girls' section

Coach mentoring support and visits to your club to support your club coaches

Access to Club Development Planning Resource and Templates

Assistance to establish and develop Club School Partnerships

Option to host Durham Cricket School Festivals at your club

Help and guidance to complete grant applications

Coach mentoring support for your club coaches

Access to be part of the Chance to Shine scheme

Opportunity to host Durham Cricket County Age Group fixtures

Registration for NatWest Cricket Force + Benefits