

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE & SOUTH CHESHIRE

PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE

CATEGORY 3 (E)

OVERSEAS PLAYER (EXEMPT)

A player not qualified to play for England under current ECB regulations, who is ordinarily resident in this country, and has been resident in this country for a period of 18 consecutive months prior to the date of request for registration, and has not been out of the country for more than 35 days, consecutively, or 70 days, in total, during the previous 18 months. Any remuneration received from playing cricket must not be the main source of his income.

The definition of 'ordinarily resident' shall be in the absolute discretion of the body responsible for registration of the player in the relevant competition.

In relation to the registration of Category 3 (Exempt) Players :-

1. Clubs must satisfy themselves by checking evidence of any such player's continuous residence in U.K. e.g. utility bills, council tax bills, entry and departure dates on passport.
2. In addition every Category 3 (Exempt) Player must sign a declaration as follows :-
" I confirm that I have been resident in England and Wales for the past 18 months and, during that period, I have not been outside England and Wales for longer than 35 days, consecutively, or 70 days in total. I also confirm that any payment that I receive for playing cricket is not my main source of income. I understand that the punishment for making a false declaration, in this regard, will be severe and will, most likely, result in a lengthy ban, which will apply to all forms of recreational cricket in England and Wales. (Note: England and Wales includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.)

A copy of the declaration is attached at the end of this document, and further copies may be downloaded from the League website.

3. In the event of a player making a false declaration, the Club will also be liable to disciplinary action if it has failed to carry out all reasonable checks on the player's documentary evidence. Clubs will, therefore, be expected to keep a record of all such checks.

4. As there is a continuing need to verify that the criteria are met: Clubs must re-register all Category 3 (exempt) players each season, providing evidence of their continuous residence in this country, otherwise they will be deemed to be Category 3 players.
5. If a Category 3 (exempt) player has, unavoidably, due to personal reasons, had to leave England and Wales for longer than the permitted period, the League Manager will consider such player's application for continued Category 3 (exempt) status and his decision shall be final.
6. A player who has a home in England or Wales and has been granted 'exempt' status, who, subsequently, accepts a temporary work assignment, unconnected to cricket, in another country, may apply to reinstate his 'exempt' status immediately on his return. Approval is at the discretion of the League Manager and may not be automatic.
7. A student may be granted Category 3 (exempt) status subject to production of documentary evidence that he/she is a full time student attending a three years course of study in a bona-fide education establishment.

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FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY OVERSEAS PLAYERS CLAIMING TO BE EXEMPT (TO BE RETURNED TO THE LEAGUE MANAGER BEFORE REGISTRATION)

**Please supply the following information to support the request for Overseas Exempt status.
Unless this information is supplied, Overseas Exempt status WILL NOT be granted.**

Details of any visits outside the U.K. during the previous 18 months, including dates of departure and return.

Details of address or addresses in the U.K. with dates for the previous 18 months.

Details of any Cricket Clubs played for during the previous two seasons.

Details of any employment in the U.K. during the previous 18 months.

OVERSEAS PLAYER EXEMPT DECLARATION

I confirm that I am not eligible to play for England.

I confirm that I have been resident in England and Wales for the past 18 months and, during that period, I have not been outside England and Wales for longer than 35 days, consecutively, or 70 days in total. I, also, confirm that any payment that I receive for playing cricket is not my main source of income.

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Signature of Player:

Please print name:

Date:

Signature of Club Official:

Please print name:

Date: