**Cricket Wales’ Clubs’ & Leagues’ Basic Affiliation Criteria Updated September 2023**

Cricket Wales is one of 39 County Cricket Boards that make up the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and is also recognised by Sport Wales and Welsh Government as the National Governing Body for cricket in Wales. Our vision is simple; it is for **‘*Cricket to Capture the imagination of Wales’*** and our goal is to deliver our strategy [Inspiring Generations](https://cricketwales.org.uk/strategy) in partnership with our colleagues and friends at Glamorgan Cricket, and our primary funders, the ECB, Sport Wales, Chance to Shine and the Lord's Taverners.  We exist ‘to lead, inspire and influence the growth, quality and accessibility of cricket in Wales’. We are made up of many different cricket organisations from across the length and breadth of Wales, all sharing a passion for cricket.

Our mission is focused on supporting the objectives of not only Cricket Wales and Glamorgan, but also the ambitions of both ECB and the Welsh Government by ***‘connecting communities and improving well-being by inspiring people to discover their passion for cricket.’***

As an affiliated club you will be able to access a range of benefits and services to help, manage and engage your club and its members, including: Benefits of affiliation found below.

**What do you need to do to affiliate your club**?

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| **Club constitution** | *An ‘open’* Club constitution approved by the membership developed from the [ECB template](https://cricketwales.org.uk/documents/governance-constitution-guidelines-1748.docx) |
| [**Safeguarding Policy**](https://cricketwales.org.uk/safeguarding-standards) | All members covering a Regulated Activity role hold a valid DBS  All required roles to be valid and up to date on the ECB Safe Hands Management System. |
| **Key Officers of the club** | Club Chair |
| Club Treasurer |
| Club Secretary |
| Safeguarding Officer (see [here](https://cricketwales.org.uk/what-is-a-safeguarding-officer)) |
| *(\*Please note the Club Chair and Treasurer must not be the same person. At least three of the people on the committee should be unrelated or not cohabiting.)* |
| **Club Bank Account** | Registered bank account in the name of the club *(with2 signatories),* evidence must be shown on application to League |
| **Play Cricket ID** | Registration guidance can be found [here](https://play-cricket.ecb.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/115004175645-The-Play-Cricket-Sign-up-Process) ; Whether you're administrating at board level or a player out on the pitch, Play-Cricket is the only free online tool you need to manage the game and access all the latest scores and stats. It's all completely free to use and with just one login you can record, share and track information in a simple, seamless way. |
| **Club insurance** | Min Public Liability 5m / Employer’s liability 10m. ECB have approved insurers |
| **First Aider:** | We recommend every club has a trained first aider within their team who can deal with any medical incidents which occur. |
| **Affiliation and registration fees** | The affiliation and registration fees are set in order to meet our strategic priorities to grow our sport. Our most recent affiliation fee subscriptions to Cricket Wales can be found below. |

A**ppendix 1 Benefits of Affiliation to Cricket Wales**

• Access to ECB & Sport Wales’ grants / loans. Applications request affiliation to governing bodies. Cricket Wales in the national governing body for the game in Wales.

• Provision and access to major cricket schemes e.g. All Stars Cricket, Dynamos Cricket & Women and Girls Programmes.

• Access to and support with the ECB Clubmark Accreditation scheme.

• Direct staff support and system access/interface for Safeguarding Compliance.

• Support from Cricket Wales Safeguarding director and staff on any Safeguarding issues.

• Assistance and support in applying for wider grant aid programmes (e.g. Welsh Government grants).

• Entry into the Senior and Junior Welsh Cup Competitions.

• Provision of a Wales-wide regional junior pathway which sits below the Welsh age group teams

• Direct support from Cricket Wales Staff – Area Managers, Workforce/Club Support Officers, Women & Girls Development Officers.

• Community Coaching staff and the local schools’ programmes aligned to club programmes (e.g. All Stars /Dynamos)

• Automatic affiliation to ECB, the national governing body.

**The benefits of membership to individual members of affiliated clubs include:**

• Participation in all Cricket Wales competitions and activities.

• Participation in Coach Education Courses (Level 2, Foundation 1 & 2 etc)

• Access & support for member compliance (DBS, SYC, Safe Hands etc)

• Consideration for selection to the Wales Wide regional junior pathway teams (North, South, East & West teams age groups).

• Consideration for selection for Welsh representative teams at National, ECB, National Counties, Senior Cricket (Over 50s & Over 60s) and junior age-group sides from U10 to U15.

**Affiliation to the ECB brings further benefits:**

• Affiliation to the ECB provides insurance under favourable terms.

• Participation in the ECB National Club competitions

• Access to ECB interest free loans.

• Access to strategic facilities project grant scheme .

• Access and Support from the ECB Regional Facilities Planning Manager.

• Availability of Pitch Advisors to support cricket groundskeepers.

• Free access to the ‘Play-Cricket’ website, only accessed by affiliated clubs

**Affiliation Fees for Clubs**

There will be a two-tier system.

* Category A: £60:
  + clubs categorised in the highest two divisions within an area of Wales e.g. Premier League 1 and 2 (South Wales); divisions 1 & 2 SEWCL, Pembrokeshire League and SWCA.
  + North Wales NW Premier League and division one and any club playing in the Shropshire League or Liverpool Competition (Premier League and division one).
* Category B:
  + £50:  clubs below the top two divisions/leagues (playing within Wales or England) & West Wales Conference
* Cat A clubs have more Senior and Junior teams, have direct Cricket Wales support on ECB Clubmark Accreditation and have larger take up of wider Cricket Programmes (e.g. All Stars etc)
* Clubs with teams across several leagues will pay the rate where its 1st team play.
* The fee for non-club entities will be £50
* Appendix 2 details the overall affiliation picture in Wales for 2021.

Collection of the fee:

Despite two tiers this will still enable leagues to facilitate collection from clubs in consistent divisional fees. The Collection of club fees will remain via the affiliated leagues in Wales as usual. All non-league clubs and bodies will be sent a direct invoice from Cricket Wales.

* Due date March 31st and payable by May 31st
* How to pay Bank Transfer: Sort Code: 54-21-33; Account: 30949157

Cheques payable to Cricket Wales Ltd

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