

CLUB AFFILIATION

Cricket Wales **Club affiliation**

A practical guide for your club

Work with us to build a safe, welcoming and well run club. Prepare your evidence, agree support and connect with cricket across Wales.



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Affiliation at a glance

Affiliation connects your club to Cricket Wales support, development opportunities and the wider cricket community. Use the full criteria and shared checklist to prepare evidence and agree actions.

WHY AFFILIATE

Benefit	What your club can access
Support	Club development, accreditation and safeguarding advice
People	Coach, umpire, scorer, grounds and volunteer training
Resources	Play Cricket, SHMS and club management guidance
Playing opportunities	Programmes, affiliated leagues and competitions
Funding and facilities	Grant and loan opportunities, pitch advice and workshops
Pathways	Consideration for regional and Welsh representative teams

Funding, insurance, league entry, competition entry and selection remain subject to the relevant scheme and eligibility conditions.

YOUR NEXT THREE STEPS

1 PREPARE <p>Complete the affiliation request form. Nominate a club lead and gather evidence.</p>	2 REVIEW TOGETHER <p>Agree evidence gaps, support, owners and deadlines with Cricket Wales.</p>	3 RECORD <p>Record updates on the Club Checklist</p>
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Update the Club Checklist throughout. Work on systems, safeguarding and practical arrangements in parallel. If you wish to join a league, contact its secretary early; league membership is optional.



League Application

OPTIONAL - ONLY IF YOUR CLUB WISHES TO JOIN A LEAGUE

Cricket Wales affiliation is open to any club playing cricket in Wales, whether or not it seeks league membership. Clubs must meet the applicable affiliation requirements. League application is a separate, optional process.

Contact your intended league early

If your club wishes to apply for league membership, contact the league secretary at the outset. Confirm its application requirements, any fixture history or venue evidence, and the timing of its Management Meeting or AGM. Track the application alongside affiliation.

Record the league decision separately

Cricket Wales and the league will share relevant information during affiliation. The league will vote at its Management Meeting or AGM when it is comfortable that affiliation is completed or satisfactory progress has been made. League admission remains the league's decision.

Use the optional checklist sections

Record the league, meeting or AGM date, outcome and any conditions in the checklist. Fixture history and playing venue confirmation (08) are league entry checks; they are not required for Cricket Wales affiliation alone. If not applying to a league, mark the optional checks "Not applicable".

Club leadership and governance

Complete the affiliation request form to start the process. Identify the responsible officers, then confirm your constitution and standards.

01 Application Form and Club Officers

Complete the Club Affiliation Request form (below). Provide the name, email address and mobile number of the Club Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Safeguarding Officer. The Chair and Treasurer must be different people; the Chair and Safeguarding Officer must also be different people. At least three committee members should be unrelated or not cohabiting. This form will start your affiliation process. A club checklist will be provided once the affiliation request form has been completed.

[Club Affiliation Request and Officers Contact Details - Form](#)

02 Club constitution

An open Club Governing Document must be approved by your membership. It must adopt and enforce the ECB Anti-Discrimination Regulations (ADR), comply with the obligations and disciplinary process under the ECB General Conduct Regulations (GCR) and Recreational Conduct Regulations (RCR), and any other conduct or disciplinary rules applicable to the club.

[ECB Club Affiliation Toolkit](#)

[ECB constitution template](#)

03 Behaviours Framework

Adopt and adhere to the Cricket Wales Behaviours Framework. Acceptance must be completed by the Club Chair.

[Behaviours Framework information](#)

[Behaviours Framework acceptance form](#)



Club systems and annual acceptance

Start Play Cricket early. Systems, safeguarding and practical arrangements can progress together once your officers are identified.

04 Play Cricket

Maintain a live Play Cricket account to record scores, statistics and cricket administration. Fixture history is not required for Cricket Wales affiliation alone. If applying to a league that requires regular fixtures, record them on Play Cricket and meet its evidence requirements. Affiliation can progress while fixture history builds.

[Play Cricket registration guidance](#)

05 Annual terms and conditions

Accept the annual ECB and Cricket Wales terms and conditions on your Play Cricket website, and any further terms issued by Cricket Wales. These are usually issued prior to the start of a season.

Safeguarding and player welfare

Start training, DBS and SHMS work early. Record each safeguarding component separately in the checklist. First aid remains a recommendation.

06 Safeguarding

Train a dedicated Club Safeguarding Officer, set up the ECB Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) and adopt an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy Statement. All members undertaking a regulated activity role should hold a valid, up-to-date DBS. All required roles must be valid and up to date on SHMS. Cricket Wales will train safeguarding officers during its annual training cycle, normally January–April, and support them to manage DBS checks and SHMS.

[Safeguarding Training Matrix](#)

[Becoming a Safeguarding Officer](#)

[ECB safeguarding templates](#)

07 First aid

We recommend that every club has a trained first aider within its club who can deal with medical incidents.

Venue, banking and insurance

Gather banking and insurance records. Venue confirmation is optional and applies to league entry.

08 Playing venue - optional league entry

Optional - league applicants only. A confirmed playing venue is not required for Cricket Wales affiliation alone. If applying to a league, confirm its venue requirements and provide evidence such as a lease, licence, playing agreement or local authority booking. Evidence may be shared with its grounds committee.

09 Club bank account

Maintain a registered community or club bank account in the club name with at least two signatories. Show evidence during the affiliation process through a bank letter; screenshots are not accepted.

10 Club insurance

Minimum public liability cover of £5 million and employer's liability cover of £10 million. ECB-approved insurers are available and FREE PL/EL insurance is available once SHMS is set up.

[Club insurance guidance](#)

Review and completion

Review outstanding evidence with Cricket Wales using the Club Checklist.

11 Affiliation fee

Pay the applicable affiliation fee. For league clubs this is normally collected alongside league fees. Non-league clubs receive a direct invoice from Cricket Wales.

Final Cricket Wales review

Cricket Wales will use the checklist to record evidence and review outstanding actions. The reviewer, date and affiliation outcome will also be recorded. Completing the checklist does not itself grant affiliation or league admission.

League membership is optional and is decided separately by the league. Outstanding league entry checks, including fixture history or a confirmed venue, do not prevent Cricket Wales affiliation where the applicable affiliation requirements are met.

Fees, resources and support

FEE STRUCTURE

Category A is £60, Category B is £50 and non-club entities are £50. See the detailed fee table on the following page for the clubs covered by each category.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Affiliated leagues collect club fees through consistent divisional fees. Non-league clubs and bodies receive a direct invoice from Cricket Wales. Clubs with teams in several leagues pay the rate for the league in which their first team plays.

USEFUL RESOURCES

[Club Affiliation Request and Officers Contact Details - Form](#)

[ECB Club Affiliation Toolkit](#)

[ECB constitution template](#)

[Behaviours Framework information](#)

[Behaviours Framework acceptance form](#)

[Play Cricket registration guidance](#)

[Safeguarding Training Matrix](#)

[Becoming a Safeguarding Officer](#)

[ECB safeguarding templates](#)

[Club insurance guidance](#)

[Email Cricket Wales Clubs and Leagues](#)

[Cricket Wales website](#)

Need help with your affiliation

Use the progress checklist to tell us where you are ready and where you need support. Contact [the Clubs and Leagues Team at Cricket Wales](#).

Refer to the full Cricket Wales affiliation criteria for detailed requirements and the detailed benefits appendices. League admission remains a separate league decision.

Detailed fees and payment

Clubs with teams in several leagues pay the rate for the league in which their first team plays.

Item	Details
A £60	Highest two divisions: South Wales Premier League 1 and 2; divisions 1 and 2 in SEWCL, Pembrokeshire and SWCA, North Wales Premier League and division one; clubs in the Shropshire League or Liverpool Competition Premier League and division one.
B £50	Clubs below the top two divisions or leagues in Wales or England, and West Wales Conference.
Non-club entities £50	Non-club organisations and bodies.
Collection	Affiliated leagues collect club fees through consistent divisional fees. Non-league clubs and bodies receive a direct invoice from Cricket Wales.
Clubs in several leagues	Clubs pay the rate for the league in which their first team plays.

Appendix 1 Club benefits

Funding, programmes, insurance, league entry, competition entry and selection are subject to the applicable availability, eligibility and scheme conditions.

Benefit	What is available
Communications	Regular newsletters and email updates.
League and county cricket	League cricket subject to admission; county competitions subject to eligibility.
ECB and Sport Wales funding	Access to ECB and Sport Wales grants and loans. Applications request affiliation to the governing body; Cricket Wales is the national governing body for cricket in Wales.
Wider grant applications	Assistance and support in applying for wider grant aid programmes, including Welsh Government grants.
Facilities and grounds	Facilities support through pitch advisors, Grounds Association workshops.
Cricket programmes	Provision of and access to major cricket programmes, including All Stars Cricket, Dynamos Cricket and women's and girls' programmes.
Accreditation and development	One-to-one support towards ECB Club Accreditation, plus general club development support.
Club workforce	Training and support for coaches, umpires, scorers, ground staff and volunteers.
Safeguarding support	Support from county Safeguarding Officers.
Training and development	Other training and development opportunities.
County awards	Opportunity to nominate clubs and individuals for county-level awards.
Junior pathway	Provision of a Wales-wide regional junior pathway below the Welsh age-group teams.

Member benefits and ECB support

Funding, programmes, insurance, league entry, competition entry and selection are subject to the applicable availability, eligibility and scheme conditions.

Appendix 2 Benefits for individual members

Benefit	What is available
Competitions and leagues	Cricket Wales competitions; league participation subject to admission.
Coach education	Participation in coach education courses and continuing professional development events, including Foundation and Core Coach courses.
Member compliance	Access to support for DBS, safeguarding, Safe Hands and other member compliance requirements.
Regional junior pathway	Consideration for selection to Wales-wide regional junior pathway teams in North, South, East and West Wales across the relevant age groups.
Welsh representative teams	Consideration for selection for Welsh representative teams at national, ECB, National Counties, senior cricket (over 50s and above) and junior age-group levels.

Appendix 3 Standard ECB benefits

Benefit	What is available
Funding opportunities	County Grants Fund, Grass or Pitch Improvement Fund and interest-free club loans.
Volunteering and workforce	Get Set Weekend, Cricket Collective Volunteer Awards and the Learning Hub.
Club development	One-to-one guidance from development and coaching officers.
Umpires and scorers	ECB Association of Cricket Officials courses for umpires and scorers.
Safeguarding	Safe Hands Workshop, county safeguarding support and the Safeguarding Toolkit.
Digital tools	Play Cricket platform, scoring apps and the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS).
ECB competitions	Entry into local, regional and national ECB competitions.
Insurance	Free public and employer's liability insurance via SHMS. Confirm scheme eligibility, activation and cover before relying on this provision.
Club Affiliation Toolkit	Access to the Club Affiliation Toolkit through the Cricket Collective Learning Hub.
National partner offers	Access to offers from ECB national partners.

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Review the criteria, gather your evidence and use the progress checklist to agree the next steps with Cricket Wales. We are here to support your club through affiliation.



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