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# CLUB AFFILIATION PACKAGE 2024

Hertfordshire Cricket Limited



**LORD'S TAVERNERS**  
Empowering young people through cricket



# LEVELS OF AFFILIATION

Players and Clubs are the heart of our game and we want to make it easily accessible and enjoyable whilst ensuring we communicate effectively, but spend less time on administration. Working closely with the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Hertfordshire Cricket provides a clear and robust package of benefits aimed at support you your club and everyone associated with it.

All our work across the cricket network will be aligned to delivering “**Inspiring Generations**” and we encourage clubs to look at aligning themselves with this strategy, more information on this can be found here [Inspiring Generations Strategy 2020-24](#).

Affiliation is not simply about registering your team to play. Every club can take advantage of the help and support on offer, to achieve as many of our objectives as possible and to be an active member of our cricketing family. The affiliation year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December for the 2024 season and we offer 2 levels of affiliation:

- **LEVEL 1 - PRIMARY AFFILIATION : £100**

For all clubs with **two or more adult teams** on its principal playing day (or Clubmarked accredited club).

This is reduced to **£75.00** for clubs with **only one adult team** on its principal playing day.

- **LEVEL 2 - ASSOCIATE AFFILIATION : £50**

For all clubs whose Primary Affiliation **is with another County** (Bedfordshire/Cambridgeshire/Essex/Middlesex) but who play in Hertfordshire Affiliated leagues and competitions.

The following page provides a summary of the affiliation benefits that are available to you through Hertfordshire Cricket and the ECB.



# AFFILIATION PACKAGE SUMMARY

## Affiliation Benefits:

### Affiliation to Hertfordshire County Cricket Association (HCCA) / ECB:

- Receipt of HCCA Handbook
- Full access to free ECB Play-Cricket Website \*

### Support and guidance from county development staff on:

- External funding opportunities \*
- Club development planning and ECB National Products (All Stars / Dynamos) \*
- Achieving and maintaining ECB Clubmark and Safehands Management System Accreditation (SHMS) \*
- Adopting and implementing ECB Club Inclusion and Diversity Policy \*
- Chance to Shine coaching programme to develop club/school links \*
- Developing Women & Girls cricket \*
- Safeguarding \*
- Disability Hubs \*
- Young Leaders in Cricket volunteer programme\*

### Eligibility to participate in:

- Saracens Hertfordshire Premier Cricket League
- Herts & Essex Borders League
- North Herts Cricket League
- Saracens Hertfordshire Junior League
- Hertfordshire Village Trophy (*for village-based clubs*)\*\*

### Eligibility to apply for entry into ECB National Competitions \*

**Eligibility to nominate junior players for Hertfordshire representative cricket**  
(*subject to meeting eligibility criteria*) +

### Eligibility to access:

- England & Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Grant Aid loans and other NGB funding \*
- HCCA Club Loan Scheme (up to £25K) \*\*
- Free game wide insurance policy through SHMS \*

### Access to ECB / HCL:

- Safeguarding, policy, workshops and resources
- Disciplinary, regulations and compliance
- Cricket Collective Volunteer Awards, nominations and programme\*
- Coach Development and Officials education courses and programmes
- Participation in ECB “Get Set Weekend” \*

### Membership to Hertfordshire Grounds Association:

- Access to County Pitch Advisor
- 50% off full reports from County Pitch Advisor (£50) \*\*

#### Key:

\* These benefits are available to Associate Clubs through the County that you are “Primary Affiliated” to.

\*\* These benefits are only available to Clubs who “Primary Affiliate” to Hertfordshire

+ Eligibility Criteria : Players from Associate Clubs must also currently live and attend an education establishment located in Hertfordshire to be nominated.

# CONDITIONS OF AFFILIATION

- **Renewal Dates and Deadlines** - The affiliation year runs from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024. The deadline for renewal of affiliation is **01 February 2024**. If your affiliation renewal is not received by this date then your current affiliation package will be suspended and its benefits will no longer be available.
- **Safe Hands** – Hertfordshire Cricket take the care and responsibilities of all club members very seriously. All affiliated Clubs, as a minimum operating standard, are required to adopt the ECB Safehands Policy in their Club constitution.
- **Club Safeguarding Officer** – A major part of the ECB Safehands Policy is the appointment and training of a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO) who will advise and ensure that Safeguarding is being adhered to in the club. Hertfordshire Cricket/ECB **require all Clubs** to appoint and train their own Club Safeguarding Officer ready for the 2024 season. The CSO must complete two training courses – ECB Safeguarding for Specialist Roles : Committee / Safeguarding Officers (online) and ECB Safehands Workshop (face to face) and complete an ECB Enhanced DBS or vetting check. **All of which needs to be updated every three years.**
- **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)** – Some volunteer roles such as Safeguarding Officer, Umpire, Junior Manager, Captain and Coach, require a vetting or ECB Enhanced DBS check. For a list of volunteer roles that require a DBS check, please go to the England & Wales Cricket Board Website or email [safeguarding@hertscricket.org](mailto:safeguarding@hertscricket.org). Please note that some volunteer roles, such as coach and team manager, are ALSO required to complete an online ECB Safeguarding course and/or a First Aid course in addition to the DBS check.

## Online Affiliation Application Form

To complete the affiliation process, [click HERE](#)

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