



**INSPIRING CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
TO PLAY CRICKET**

# Club Affiliation Package 2024



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Spreading the power of cricket



# Introduction

Players and Clubs are at the heart of our game. We want to make the game easily accessible and enjoyable, whilst ensuring that we communicate effectively and spend less time on administration. Working closely with the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Cambridgeshire Cricket provides a package of benefits aimed at supporting 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 on page 6 of this document or via [Inspiring Generations 2020-2024](#)

Cambridgeshire Cricket are provided funding by the ECB to look after and support the development of clubs within the geographical boundaries of the Cricket Board – i.e. the local authority areas of South Cambridgeshire, Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, and Fenland. Clubs outside of these boundaries should receive support from their respective County Cricket Board.

We aim to give any club within our boundary support in the drive for growth and participation within the game. However, the demands of a club on the time of Cambridgeshire Cricket employees will be proportionate to the particular operations of that club, particularly in respect of activity for under 18s. Therefore clubs running junior activity should pay a higher affiliation rate.

In order to play organised league cricket at junior or open age in Cambridgeshire, clubs must be affiliated to the County Board. However, 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 your objectives as possible and to be an active member of our cricketing family.

The affiliation year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 until 30th September 2024.

Successfully completing the online affiliation process is the first step to a club becoming compliant to play cricket in Cambridgeshire. Clubs must also have a fully qualified Club Safeguarding Officer and actively engage with the Safe Hands Management System. Failure to complete either of these things will see affiliation and the right to play cricket in Cambridgeshire withdrawn

# Levels of Affiliation Package

There is a choice of **4 different levels** of affiliation for clubs to sign up to for 2024:

- **Associate Package** - £10.00 - Clubs from outside the County Board geographical boundaries but playing in organised Cambridgeshire league activity (NB must be primary affiliated to another County Cricket Board)
- **Midweek/Friendly Package** - £10.00- Clubs or Teams who do not play in the CCA or Cambs & Hunts Premier Leagues, but play friendly or local Cambridgeshire midweek competitions
- **Standard Package** - £45.00- Clubs or Teams who only have open age sides competing in the CCA or Cambs & Hunt Premier Leagues
- **Higher Package** - £90.00- Full Benefits Package for Clubs that have a junior section and/or run National Programme activity, regardless of whether they run open age sides.

Once you have decided which level your club aligns to, please complete the process via the link on the last page of this document (Page 11)

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee per club
<b>Associate</b>	Clubs from outside County Board geographical boundaries but playing in organised Cambridgeshire league activity (NB must be affiliated to another County Cricket Board)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to play in organised competition within Cambridgeshire (eg. CYCA, CCA, CHPL)</li> <li>• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket's e-newsletter 'Beyond the Boundary'</li> <li>• Full access to play-cricket website</li> <li>• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)</li> </ul>	<b>£10</b>
<b>Midweek/Friendly -only</b>	Clubs or Teams who play friendly or local Cambridgeshire midweek competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to play in organised midweek competition within Cambridgeshire</li> <li>• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket's e-newsletter 'Beyond the Boundary'</li> <li>• Full access to play-cricket website</li> <li>• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)</li> <li>• Access to and support to reach compliance on the Safe Hands Management System</li> </ul>	<b>£10</b>
<b>Standard</b>	Open age activity only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to play in organised open-age competition within Cambridgeshire (eg. CCA, CHPL)</li> <li>• Full access to play-cricket website</li> <li>• Membership of Cambs &amp; Hunts Grounds Association</li> <li>• Access to Cambridgeshire Pitch Advisor</li> <li>• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket's e-newsletter 'Beyond the Boundary'</li> </ul>	<b>£45</b>

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee per club
<b>Standard</b> <b>(continued)</b>	Open age activity only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to ECB County Grants Fund (after meeting additional criteria)</li> <li>• Ability for volunteers to be recognised as part of annual Grassroots Cricket Awards</li> <li>• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)</li> <li>• Access to training bursaries (if available)</li> <li>• Support of Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Officer in implementing `Safe Hands`</li> <li>• Access to policies and procedures to ensure club compliance</li> <li>• Access to and support with compliance around SHMS (Safe Hands Management System)</li> <li>• Access to ECB Free Public Liability Insurance via SHMS</li> </ul>	<b>£45</b>
<b>Higher</b>	Junior section (including National Programmes), regardless of open age activity All Clubmark accredited clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to play in organised open-age competition within Cambridgeshire (eg. CCA, CHPL)</li> <li>• Full access to play-cricket website</li> <li>• Access to and support with compliance around SHMS (Safe Hands Management System)</li> <li>• Clubmark support (including club development planning)</li> <li>• Membership of Cambs &amp; Hunts Grounds Association</li> <li>• Access to Cambridgeshire Pitch Advisor</li> <li>• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket`s e-newsletter `Beyond the Boundary`</li> <li>• Access to ECB County Grants Fund (after meeting additional criteria)</li> <li>• Ability for volunteers to be recognised as part of annual Grassroots Cricket Awards</li> <li>• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)</li> <li>• Access to training bursaries (if available)</li> <li>• Support of Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Officer in implementing `Safe Hands`</li> <li>• Access and support to implement policies and procedures to ensure club compliance</li> <li>• Access to ECB Free Public Liability Insurance via SHMS</li> </ul>	<b>£90</b>

The England and Wales Cricket Board is aligned to '*Inspiring Generations*', its game-wide strategy to drive the game forward with unprecedented investment being made into the game.

Over £500 million pounds will be invested into the game during the reach of the strategy with 26 specific action areas being targeted to deliver across 6 strategic priorities.

The global and domestic sports market is dynamic and ever-changing, so we must ensure that cricket in England and Wales has strong structures and robust finances both now and in the future.

A summary of the 6 Strategic Priorities are:

- ***GROW AND NURTURE THE CORE***  
Ensure that there is a thriving county network at the heart of the domestic game
- ***INSPIRE THROUGH ELITE TEAMS***  
Create and celebrate the heroes at the pinnacle of the elite game
- ***MAKE CRICKET ACCESSIBLE***  
Give more people the opportunity to engage with cricket more often
- ***ENGAGE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE***  
Inspire a new generation of players and fans to develop a love for cricket
- ***TRANSFORM WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CRICKET***  
Drive cricket's progress to becoming a truly gender-neutral sport
- ***SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES***  
Use our purpose to connect communities and improve lives more broadly across society



To see the full Inspiring Generations document, download it below.

[Inspiring Generations 2020-2024](#)



# ECB Free Game Wide Insurance Policy

Upon joining the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) clubs are able to access free Public Liability Insurance via the ECB and Howdens Insurance brokers

This provides clubs with the following levels of cover

- **Public Liability-** £15million any claim, including £2million cover for abuse
- **Professional Indemnity-** £15million any claim and each year
- **Directors & Officers liability-** £2million any claim
- **Employers Liability-** £10 million any claim
- **Cyber Liability-** £50,000, including £10,000 cover for e-theft
- **Legal Expenses-** £100,000 any claim and per year

More information on the FREE insurance offer can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

## ECB Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)

SHMS is an online Club Management Tool whereby the ECB will require all County Boards and Clubs to input the details of individuals in key regulated roles or those with responsibilities for the management and running of County and Club activities

All clubs are now required to join and be actively engaging with SHMS and as such clubs are required to confirm the details of the person that will be taking on the role of club administrator for this system. Failure to provide these details on the affiliation form will see affiliations rejected

Clubs should be compliant on SHMS by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

More information on the SHMS can be found [HERE](#)



# Conditions of Affiliation

## Renewal Dates and Deadlines

The affiliation year runs until **30th September 2024**. The deadline for renewal of affiliation is **16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Safeguarding

Cambridgeshire Cricket takes their duty of care and safeguarding responsibilities of all club members very seriously. All affiliated clubs, as a minimum operating standard, are required to:

1. adopt the ECB Safe Hands Policy and all the associated requirements within that policy.
2. complete their compliance details on the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

The safeguarding policy is there to protect all young people and vulnerable adults in cricket, it introduces good practices, raises awareness and provides peace of mind for both club members and those visiting as part of an opposition team.

Within the safeguarding policy, the ECB define roles within cricket which are required to obtain an ECB enhanced DBS Clearance, this includes all adult team captains. These checks are free of charge for all volunteers, through Cambridgeshire Cricket.



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## Club Safeguarding Officer

A major part of the ECB Safe Hands Policy is the appointment and training of a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO). This person is responsible for the implementation of and the club's commitment to the policy. The CSO needs to be trained in safeguarding children and vulnerable people and in the procedures for handling issues and concerns.

If in extraordinary circumstances, the club become unable to fulfil the minimum requirements, they should inform Cambridgeshire Cricket, who will then put in place steps to support the club: -

- With the provision of a central officer for a maximum period of 6 months whilst the club identifies an appropriate person to take on the role
- Ensuring the club meets minimum safeguarding requirements (document will be provided)
- Agree an appropriate action plan with the county safeguarding officer
- There will be an initial additional minimum fee of £100 for this service

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## **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)**

Some volunteer roles, such as Club Safeguarding Officer, Scorer, Umpire, Junior Manager, Captain and Coach, require a vetting or DBS check. For a list of posts that require a DBS check please go to <https://www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/dbs-checks-ecb-vetting> or contact Cambridgeshire Cricket on [safeguarding@cambscricket.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cambscricket.org.uk)

## **Adhering to policies relating to playing cricket in Cambridgeshire**

In line with providing a safe, effective and rewarding environment for all people to enjoy cricket across Cambridgeshire, a condition of affiliation is that you agree to certain policies and behaviours as they appear on the Cambridgeshire Cricket website, specifically:

- [ECB Anti-Discrimination Code](#)
- [Cambridgeshire Cricket Anti Bullying Policy](#)

# Cambridgeshire Cricket Affiliation Form 2023-2024

Please note: A club's affiliation is only confirmed once the club has received its affiliation certificate from us. These certificates may not be issued until the deadline for affiliation has passed

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