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## INTRODUCTION

The Cricket Ireland Player Eligibility Regulations are based upon the ICC's *Player Eligibility Regulations* and are intended to outline the circumstances under which a *Player* would be eligible to qualify or be qualified to play *International Matches* for Ireland. A full copy of those *Regulations* is available on the ICC's website, and a link to same can be found in Appendix 1 on page 14.

Unless otherwise indicated, references to Articles and Appendices are to articles and appendices of these *Regulations*. Words in italicised text in these *Regulations* are defined terms and their definitions are set out in Appendix 1.

## Article I. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 Cricket Ireland, *Players*, and any other persons or entities under the jurisdiction of Cricket Ireland that may from time to time engage in matters or activities relating to the eligibility of *Players*, are automatically bound by and required to comply with all the provisions of these *Regulations* and they shall be deemed to have agreed:
  - 1.1.1 to comply in full with these *Regulations*;
  - 1.1.2 to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of Cricket Ireland, the ICC and the *ICC Eligibility Bodies* in relation to matters falling under their competence as set out in these *Regulations*.
  - 1.1.3 to co-operate fully, promptly and in good faith with Cricket Ireland, the ICC and the *ICC Eligibility Bodies* in the discharge of their respective responsibilities as set out in these *Regulations* including providing the aforementioned bodies with all of the information and evidence they may require or request;
  - 1.1.4 where information is being provided to Cricket Ireland, the ICC and/or the *ICC Eligibility Bodies*, to only provide accurate and complete information and not to provide any information in bad faith or for any improper purpose;
  - 1.1.5 (to the fullest extent permitted and required under all applicable data protection and other laws) to the collection, processing, disclosure and use of information (including his/her sensitive personal information) as required to implement and apply these *Regulations* effectively and efficiently; and
  - 1.1.6 not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of Cricket Ireland, the ICC and the *ICC Eligibility Bodies*.
- 1.2 In addition, all *Players* (through their selection and/or participation in an *International Match*, or otherwise by their participation in the processes set out in these *Regulations*) shall be deemed to have agreed that it is their personal responsibility to familiarise themselves with all of the requirements of these *Regulations*, including what constitutes an offence under these *Regulations*
- 1.3 Cricket Ireland must fully co-operate with and support the ICC at all times in the application and enforcement of the ICC's *Regulations* in relation to *International Matches*.

## Article II. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY CRICKET FOR IRELAND ON THE BASIS OF NATIONALITY

### 2A Nationality Qualification Criteria

- 2.1 A Player shall be deemed qualified to participate in an International Match or ICC Event for Ireland where he/she satisfies at least one of the following requirements (the “Nationality Qualification Criteria”):

**NOTE:** The relevant information and documentation required to evidence satisfaction of the Nationality Qualification Criteria are described in Appendix 2. Where requested, such information (and documentation) must be provided in a timely fashion to the ICC.

- 2.1.1 the Player was born in a country whose domestic cricket governing body is Cricket Ireland;
- 2.1.2 at the date of submission of the relevant information to the ICC, the Player is able to demonstrate (by his/her possession of a valid passport issued by the relevant country) that he/she is a national of the Republic of Ireland.
- 2.1.3 at the date of submission of the relevant information to the ICC, the Player is a Resident of the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. For the purposes of this Article, a Player will be deemed to be a ‘Resident’ of one or other country if the Player has had his/her primary and permanent home in the relevant country for the immediately preceding three years, and Residence and Residency shall be construed accordingly.

#### NOTES:

- (1) For the purposes of Article 2.1.3, the ‘immediately preceding three year’ period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the date of submission of the relevant information to the ICC.
- (2) For the purposes of Article 2.1.3, a Player will be deemed to be a Resident of the relevant country if he/she can demonstrate that he/she has had his/her primary and permanent home in that country for the immediately preceding three years. This requires that the Player is able to demonstrate a close, credible and established link with the relevant country. It does not require, however, that the Player demonstrates that he/she has legal resident status in the relevant country in accordance with the applicable national law. A number of factors will influence a Player’s satisfaction of this test including, without limitation, the time actually spent by the Player in the relevant country and the purposes of any absences during the relevant period, whether the Player works in that country, whether the Player owns/rents a property and lives in that property on a full-time basis in that country, whether the Player can demonstrate any other permanent ties to the country. Short absences from the relevant country, for example, to travel to another country to play cricket on behalf of Cricket Ireland in an organised tour, for holidays, attending ill family members or friends abroad, are unlikely to change the place/location of the Player’s primary and permanent home and are, therefore, unlikely to interrupt a Player’s period of Residence. By way of a guideline, however, it is likely that, save in exceptional circumstances, as a minimum requirement, on aggregate, at least 10 months actual physical presence in the relevant country in each of the three years will be required to demonstrate that the country is the place where the Player has his/her primary and permanent home.
- (3) Where there are exceptional circumstances to justify the determination of a Player as a Resident under Article 2.1.3 notwithstanding that he/she has not met the continuous three-year residency requirement, it may be open for the Exceptional Circumstances Committee to make such a determination, pursuant to Article 2.4 of the ICC’s Regulations. Factors that the Exceptional Circumstances Committee make take into account in considering an application pursuant to Article 2.4 include, without limitation: (a) the length of time that the Player may be out of the relevant country; (b) the continuous period of residence in the country before and after any period of absence; (c) the reason for any absence, i.e. personal, study or work-related; and (d) the presence of previous and/or continuing links/ties between the Player and the relevant country and/or to cricket in that country.

(4) Further, where exceptional circumstances are claimed in respect of Article 2.1.3 on the basis of absence due to school and/or higher education, particularly in the case of Players who are not financially independent, being resident, as a full-time student, in another country is likely to be considered a series of temporary absences from the parental home. In such cases, it is anticipated that in the majority of cases involving students, the family/parental home is likely to continue to constitute the student's primary and permanent home. In considering such a case, factors such as, without limitation, whether or not the Player's family/parental home is in the relevant country, and whether he/she returns to that family/parental home in the school holidays, together with whether there remains a close, credible and established link with the relevant country, will be considered relevant for consideration by the Exceptional Circumstances Committee.

## 2B Eligibility to represent more than one National Cricket Federation

**COMMENT:** For the purposes of these Regulations, the following matches shall not constitute an 'International Match':

- any Under-19 national team (or similarly branded U19 XI) match which has been bi-laterally arranged between National Cricket Federations and/or their members, clubs etc;
- any national "A" team, "B" team, 'Academy XI', 'Development XI', 'Chairman's XI' or other similarly branded non-first XI match which has been bi-laterally arranged between National Cricket Federations and/or their members, clubs etc;
- any short-form format of the game other than Twenty20 International Matches, for example, six-a-side cricket, and beach cricket.

so that: (i) no time restriction under Article 2.2 shall be applied to any Player that has only ever represented a National Cricket Federation in any of the matches described herein before he/she is eligible to qualify to play for another National Cricket Federation; and (ii) where a Player has previously played for a National Cricket Federation in an International Match, he/she shall only be eligible to qualify to play for another National Cricket Federation after the full three year period following the Player's last participation (as a member of a starting XI or as a playing or non-playing official substitute) in an International Match for the original National Cricket Federation has elapsed.

2.2 Nothing in Article 2.1 shall operate to prohibit a *Player* from representing more than one *National Cricket Federation* during his/her playing career. However, where a *Player* (whether male or female) has represented a *National Cricket Federation* (at Under-19 level or above) and subsequently seeks to play for Ireland, he/she will only qualify to play in an *International Match* or *ICC Event* for Ireland if he/she satisfies the eligibility criteria set out herein and, subject to Article 2.2.1 below, he/she has not participated (as a member of a starting XI or as a playing or non-playing official substitute) in an *International Match* (at Under-19 level or above) for any other *National Cricket Federation* during the three years immediately preceding the date of the relevant *International Match* or *ICC Event*.

2.2.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the restriction set out in Article 2.2 shall not apply to any *Player* (whether male or female) who is seeking to qualify to play in an *International Match* or *ICC Event* for Ireland in circumstances where such *Player* has previously played in an *International Match* or *ICC Event* for an *Associate Member National Cricket Federation*. In other words, a zero stand out period shall apply in the case of a *Player* who has previously represented an *Associate Member National Cricket Federation* and who is seeking to qualify to play in an *International Match* or *ICC Event* for a *Full Member National Cricket Federation*.

**NOTE:** For the avoidance of doubt, the applicable stand out periods for Players (whether male or female) seeking to represent another National Cricket Federation can be summarized as follows:

<b>From – To</b>	<b>Stand Out Period</b>
FM – FM	3 years
FM – AM	3 years
AM – AM	3 years
AM – FM	0

- 2.3 No Player shall be entitled to seek to qualify for a different *National Cricket Federation* on more than one occasion, unless the second qualification sought by the Player is to represent the same *National Cricket Federation* for whom he/she previously played prior to re-qualification.

**NOTE:** This Article therefore prohibits a Player from qualifying to play for country “Z” after he/she has previously played for countries “X” and “Y” but permits a Player re-qualifying to play for country “X” after representing country “Y” in circumstances where country “X” was the original country for whom he/she was originally qualified to represent.

**a) 2C Exceptional Circumstances**

- 2.4 The following may each be exclusively submitted to the ICC’s *Exceptional Circumstances Committee* by Cricket Ireland for consideration and determination as to whether *Exceptional Circumstances* exist:
- 2.4.1 to justify a Player’s qualification as a *Resident* for the purposes of participating in an *International Match* or *ICC Event* for Ireland in accordance with Article 2.1.3; or
- 2.4.2 to justify granting an exemption from full compliance with any of the *Nationality Qualification Criteria* described in Article 2.1 for any particular *International Match* or *ICC Event*.
- 2.5 Further details on how an application for Exceptional Circumstances can be found on the ICC’s Player Eligibility Regulations document, a link to which can be found in Appendix 1 on page 14 of this document.

### Article III. AGE DETERMINATION FOR ICC U19 EVENTS

#### 3A Eligibility for ICC U19 Events

- 3.1 A *Player* will be eligible to represent Ireland in an ICC U19 CWC if he/she is aged under 19 (i.e. he/she is younger than 19 years of age) on the 31 August immediately preceding the date on which the first match in the relevant U19 CWC is due to take place. For the avoidance of doubt, this means the *Player's* age at midnight (in the country of birth) at the changeover from the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to the 1<sup>st</sup> of September immediately preceding the event.

**NOTE:** For example, in order to be eligible to represent Ireland in the 2018 U19 CWC, scheduled to commence on 13 January 2018, a *Player* would need to be under 19 on 31 August 2017, i.e. he/she would need to have been born on or after 1 September 1998. A *Player* born on 15 September 1998 would be 18 on 31 August 2017 (i.e. he/she would be under 19) and therefore eligible to represent a National Cricket Federation in the 2018 U19 CWC.

- 3.2 A *Player* will be eligible to represent Ireland in an ICC U19 CWCQ if, based on the criteria set out in Article 3.1 above, he/she will be eligible to compete in the U19 CWC to which that U19 CWCQ relates.

#### 1) 3B Age verification

##### 3.3 Prior to the U19 Event:

- 3.3.1 Once a *Player* has been selected by Cricket Ireland for inclusion in its Squad for an U19 Event, the *Player* must complete and submit to Cricket Ireland the *Age Determination Form* together with the *Age Determination Documents*.
- 3.3.2 Cricket Ireland must submit to the ICC by no later than one month prior to the commencement of the relevant Support Period (as such term is defined in the regulations for the relevant U19 Event) the completed *Age Determination Forms* and *Age Determination Documents* for all *Players* who it has named (or intends to name) in its *Squad* for an U19 Event, in accordance with the regulations for that U19 Event.
- 3.3.3 Upon receipt and review of the completed *Age Determination Forms* and *Age Determination Documents* submitted by each *National Cricket Federation* for the *Players* named in its *Squad*, the ICC may request additional information and/or documentation from any *Player* and/or his/her *National Cricket Federation* in order to verify that *Player's* age.
- 3.3.4 If a *Player* fails or refuses to submit any information and/or documentation requested by the ICC pursuant to Article 3.3.3, the ICC may, without prejudice to any disciplinary proceedings that may be brought pursuant to ICC Player Eligibility Regulations Article 6, immediately disqualify the *Player* from the U19 Event.
- 3.3.5 If, based on the evidence in its possession, the ICC is:
- (a) not reasonably satisfied that a *Player* meets the eligibility criteria set out in Articles 3.1 or 3.2 (as applicable); and/or
  - (b) not reasonably satisfied that a *Player's* *Age Determination Documents* are accurate and authentic, the ICC may, without prejudice to any future disciplinary proceedings, immediately disqualify the *Player*

from the *U19 Event*.

3.3.6 A *Player* disqualified under Articles 3.3.3 or 3.3.5 will be entitled to appeal against the disqualification as set out in the ICC's Player Eligibility Regulations, a link to which can be found in Appendix 1 on page 14 of this document.

**2) 3C Disqualification**

If, during an *U19 Event*, the *U19 Event Technical Committee* disqualifies more than one *Player* from the same *National Cricket Federation Squad* pursuant to *ICC Player Eligibility Regulations Article 4.4*, the *U19 Event Technical Committee* may disqualify the entire *Squad* from the *U19 Event*.

**3) 3D Appeals**

Any disqualification made by the *U19 Event Technical Committee* may be challenged solely by appeal as set out in Section 4D of the ICC's Player Eligibility Regulations (See Appendix 1, page 14).



## Article IV. CRICKET IRELAND INTER-PROVINCIAL, EMERALD CHALLENGE & SUPER SERIES PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

### 4A Background

#### 4.1 Context

With the Inter-Provincial Series carrying List-A status, the Emerald Challenge carrying First Class status as well as the Super Series List A status, the need to ensure that player eligibility is both clear and adhered to remains important while maintaining the integrity of the competitions is key, given that ICC retains the authority to remove First-Class/List-A status from same at any time.

- 4.1.1 The Inter-Provincial Series (50-over and Twenty20), Emerald Challenge (First Class) and the Super Series are designed to provide a bridge between club and country and to ensure players compete in a ‘best v best’ environment. It is crucial to the succession planning of the Irish team, as well as preparing for International cricket.
- 4.1.2 A core squad of players identified by the national selectors as potential future international cricketers are given the opportunity to play in the Inter-Provincial Series, across four Provincial teams, the Emerald Challenge, across two franchises as well as the Super Series, across three franchises. This structure ensures skill sets are balanced across all teams and that players can develop by playing in the competitions for another province/franchise should their current province/franchise have too many players of national interest.
- 4.1.3 The series is also important for the individual provincial unions as a way of raising the profile of the sport, providing opportunities for their best club cricketers, helping to underpin the growth of the sport, and underpinning commercial activities of the unions.

### 4B Nationality Eligibility Criteria

Depending on the status of the player concerned, the following eligibility criteria will apply:

- 4.2 A *Player* shall be qualified to participate in an Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or Super Series *Match* where he/she satisfies at least one of the following requirements (the “*Nationality Eligibility Criteria*”):

*(NOTE: The relevant information and documentation required to evidence satisfaction of the Nationality Qualification Criteria must be provided to CI at least 7 days prior to the player playing in an Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or Super Series match)*

- 4.2.1 the *Player* was born in Republic of Ireland or the Northern Ireland;
- 4.2.2 at the date of submission of the relevant information to CI, the *Player* is able to demonstrate (by his/her possession of a valid passport that he/she is a national of the Republic of Ireland; or
- 4.2.3 at the date of submission of the relevant information to CI, the *Player* is a *Resident* of Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. For the purposes of this Article, a *Player* will be deemed to be a ‘*Resident*’ if the *Player* has had his/her primary and permanent home in the relevant country for the immediately preceding three years, and *Residence* and *Residency* shall be construed accordingly.

#### **NOTES:**

- (1) For the purposes of Article 4.2.3, the ‘immediately preceding three year’ period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the date of submission of the relevant information to CI.

- (2) *For the purposes of Article 4.2.3, a Player will be deemed to be a Resident of the relevant country if he/she can demonstrate that he/she has had his/her primary and permanent home in that country for the immediately preceding three years. This requires that the Player is able to demonstrate a close, credible and established link with the relevant country. It does not require, however, that the Player demonstrates that he/she has legal resident status in the relevant country in accordance with the applicable national law. A number of factors will influence a Player's satisfaction of this test including, without limitation, the time actually spent by the Player in the relevant country and the purposes of any absences during the relevant period, whether the Player works in that country, whether the Player owns/rents a property and lives in that property on a full-time basis in that country, whether the Player can demonstrate any other permanent ties to the country. Short absences from the relevant country, for example, to travel to another country to play cricket on behalf of their Provincial Union or Cricket Ireland in an organised tour, for holidays, attending ill family members or friends abroad, are unlikely to change the place/location of the Player's primary and permanent home and are, therefore, unlikely to interrupt a Player's period of Residence. By way of a guideline, however, it is likely that, save in exceptional circumstances, as a minimum requirement, on aggregate, at least 10 months actual physical presence in the relevant country in each of the three years will be required to demonstrate that the country is the place where the Player has his/her primary and permanent home.*
- (3) *Where there are exceptional circumstances to justify the determination of a Player as a Resident under Article 4.2.3 notwithstanding that he/she has not met the continuous three-year residency requirement, it may be open for the Exceptional Circumstances Committee to make such a determination, pursuant to Article 2.4 of the ICC Regulations. Factors that the Exceptional Circumstances Committee make take into account in considering an application pursuant to Article 2.4 include, without limitation: (a) the length of time that the Player may be out of the relevant country; (b) the continuous period of residence in the country before and after any period of absence; (c) the reason for any absence, i.e. personal, study or work-related; and (d) the presence of previous and/or continuing links/ties between the Player and the relevant country and/or to cricket in that country.*
- (4) *Further, where exceptional circumstances are claimed in respect of Article 4.2.3 on the basis of absence due to school and/or higher education, particularly in the case of Players who are not financially independent, being resident, as a full time student, in another country is likely to be considered a series of temporary absences from the parental home. In such cases, it is anticipated that in the majority of cases involving students, the family/parental home is likely to continue to constitute the student's primary and permanent home. In considering such a case, factors such as, without limitation, whether or not the Player's family/parental home is in the relevant country, and whether he/she returns to that family/parental home in the school holidays, together with whether there remains a close, credible and established link with the relevant country, will be considered relevant for consideration by the Exceptional Circumstances Committee.*

#### 4.3 Deemed National

Any cricketer who is within 12 months of qualifying for Ireland under 4.2 above, will be described as a 'deemed national' for the purposes of playing in the Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or Super Series. Provincial Unions must register in full the player at least five working days in advance of any match, so that registration can be approved. Responsibility for determining whether a player meets the criteria would rest with the Cricket Operations Manager and High Performance Director.

- 4.3.1 At the date of submission of the relevant information to CI, if the Player is able to provide proof that he/she has been entered on the Foreign Birth Registry, this would be considered as suitable evidence to class the player as a Deemed National.

#### 4.4 EU Passport Holder or Equivalent

Cricketers who meet the following criteria are also eligible to play in the Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or Super Series.

- 4.4.1 an EEA national or a national of a state which is a party to an agreement with the EU and its member states providing that they are nationals lawfully employed within the EEA shall have employment rights equal to those of EEA nationals; and
- 4.4.2 the cricketer has not, within the 12 months leading up to April 1<sup>st</sup> immediately before the season in question, or at any time subsequently before applying for and being granted registration with a Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or Super Series team either:
  - 4.4.2.1 played cricket for any Full Member Country outside the EEA at U17 level or above this level, or
  - 4.4.2.2 played professional cricket in any Full Member country outside the EEA, except for First Class cricket or other Official Cricket or Approved Cricket as an overseas cricketer under local rules promulgated by the relevant governing body of the Full Member country, or in any other circumstances approved by CI.

**NOTES:**

- (1) *For the purposes of article 4.4.2, "Official Cricket" means cricket which is classified as official cricket under the ICC Regulations, and that "Approved Cricket" means a Domestic Cricket Event as defined by the ICC in Regulation 32 of the ICC Regulations.*
- (2) *For the purposes of article 4.4.2, a national of Croatia who meets the above criteria is eligible to play in the Inter-Provincial, Emerald Challenge or Super Series but only for a team based in the Republic of Ireland.*

#### **4C Overseas Player Qualification Criteria**

##### **4.5 Background**

Teams can play a **maximum of two Overseas players** (as identified below) in their starting 11 for any match in any format.

##### **4.6 Overseas Player with Home Office approval to play in Northern Ireland**

A player who has a Visa and/or work permit to play club cricket or a Visa and/or work permit to engage in employment in the Northern Ireland is eligible to play in the Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge and Super Series. However, his/her employer must be aware of the following:

- 4.7.1 Both the employer and player must agree to his/her release from their duties to play IP/SS cricket.
- 4.7.2 Should the Visa and/or work permit stipulate the individual can only work for a specific employer, the employer must sign a secondment agreement with CI and the PU for that player to play IP/SS cricket.
- 4.7.3 The employer must invoice CI to the value of the match fees (no VAT to be applied), and that fee must be passed, in its entirety, to the player by the employer.
- 4.7.4 The player or the employer must provide CI and the PU with a copy (scanned or photocopy) of the player's Visa and/or work permit.
- 4.7.5 The signed secondment agreement and copy of visa must be received by CI 48 hours prior to the start of the first match in which that player will be taking part.

Any cricketer who plays in Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or the Super Series must be able to be paid/employed otherwise they will not be eligible for either competition.

**Note:** For the Emerald Challenge and Super Series, the process above does not involve the provincial union.

#### 4.7 Overseas Player with approval to play in the Republic of Ireland

A player who has a Visa and/or work permit to play club cricket or a Visa and/or work permit to engage in employment in the Republic of Ireland is eligible to play in the Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge and Super Series. However, his/her employer must be aware of the following:

- 4.7.6 Both the employer and player must agree to his/her release from their duties to play IP/SS cricket.
- 4.7.7 Should the Visa and/or work permit stipulate the individual can only work for a specific employer, the employer must sign a secondment agreement with CI and the PU for that player to play IP/SS cricket.
- 4.7.8 The employer must invoice CI to the value of the match fees (no VAT to be applied), and that fee must be passed, in its entirety, to the player by the employer.
- 4.7.9 The player or the employer must provide CI and the PU with a copy (scanned or photocopy) of the player's Visa and/or work permit.
- 4.7.10 The signed secondment agreement and copy of visa must be received by CI 48 hours prior to the start of the first match in which that player will be taking part.

Any cricketer who is in the Republic of Ireland on a Standard Visitor Visa is not eligible to play in Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or the Super Series.

**Note:** For the Emerald Challenge and Super Series, the process above does not involve the provincial union.

#### 4D Local Development Criteria

##### 4.8 Irish-Qualified Player

- 4.8.1 In general terms, any Irish-qualified player or 'deemed national' will be eligible to play for any Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge and Super Series team and will not be required to play club cricket in the said Provincial Union (PU).
- 4.8.2 It is agreed that the agreement will operate to facilitate player movement to other PU teams in order to ensure or their delegated signatory from each Provincial Union and may be encouraged by CI in the best interests of the Ireland team.

##### 4.9 Centrally Contracted Players

As agreed by CI, any Ireland-qualified player signing a CI contract must confirm to both CI and the relevant Provincial Union which IP team they intend to play with, or make themselves available to play for, for the duration of that contract. This should be confirmed by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each given year. Cricket Ireland reserves the right to "re-allocate" any centrally contracted player to another team.

#### 4E Player Registration

Please note that all *Players* who have not signed a CI Player Contract contract must sign an Inter-Provincial Series, Emerald Challenge or Super Series player agreement for the respective season and register via the online registration database, 48 hours prior to the player playing in his/her first match of the season. Non-compliance would result in the *Player* concerned not being permitted to take the field in any match. In addition, each player must complete a relevant tax form (as applicable) to ensure fees are paid at the correct level depending on an individual's circumstances.

#### 4F Squad Selection Process

##### 4.10 Inter Provincial Series

With the need to uphold the "best vs best" playing policy for the Inter-Provincial Series, the selection criteria that would apply for the Championship and 50 over competitions are outlined in the paragraphs below.

- 4.10.1 The National Selectors shall confirm to the Cricket Operations Manager by 1<sup>st</sup> February of each given year a core squad of 13 players who are eligible to play in the Inter-Provincial competitions. Note that the one squad will cover both competitions. (\*\*N.B. This initial squad must not be made public until after March 1<sup>st</sup>).
- 4.10.2 Once Core squads have been confirmed, all Provincial Unions may increase their squads in all formats by adding further locally players, providing they meet the necessary eligibility criteria in 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 above.
- 4.10.3 County Contracted Players: Ireland-qualified county-contracted players who are residing in the UK, may be selected by IP teams if available and formally released by their county, in conjunction with the Cricket Ireland High Performance Director. These players should not be included in IP initial squad of 13 but may be subsequently selected at any time. Players must play for the PU where they have previously resided and been educated unless they wish to move Unions and this move is approved by his/her original Union.

#### **4.11 Emerald Challenge**

- 4.11.1 The Men's National Selectors shall select each squad in the Emerald Challenge. The final playing XI shall be selected by the Head Coach and Captain for each team.

#### **4.12 Super Series**

- 4.12.1 The Women's National Selectors shall select each squad for the Super Series. The final playing XI shall be selected by the Head Coach and Captain for each team.

#### **4G Player Loan Process**

Subject to the overriding discretion of Cricket Ireland (which discretion, by way of example only, is likely to be exercised against a PU which is subject to registration sanctions or other sanctions under any CI Regulations), only loans of Qualified Cricketers between PUs are permitted as set out in this regulation.

- 4.12.1 The loan of a registered Cricketer from one Provincial Union (the 'PU') to another PU (the 'Away PU') will be permitted as long as CI is informed in writing (using the IP Player Loan Form) of the loan prior to the commencement of the loan period.
- 4.12.2 Loans may only take place with the written agreement (using the IP Player Loan Form) of the Home PU, the Away PU and the Cricketer.
- 4.12.3 A PU wishing to take on loan a Cricketer must first direct its approach to the General Manager of the PU which the Cricketer resides or is registered, and in no circumstances should any approach be made to the Cricketer by any representative of the PU wishing to take them on loan until approval has been given by the Home PU.
- 4.12.4 For a transfer to be affected, the following must be submitted to the CI Cricket Operations Manager:
- a) Request from the player to be transferred from one Union to another.
  - b) Confirmation from both Unions that the transfer can take place.
- 4.12.5 A Cricketer interested in being offered out on loan must address this with their PU General Manager and, in no circumstances approach another PU with a view to a loan until their availability has been agreed with their PU.

- 4.12.6 To be eligible for selection, a player must be registered with CI by their PU team
- 4.12.7 Loans can be made when a player from their home PU is not being selected for their IP team, and have the opportunity to play for another away PU, where that PU may have injuries or players unavailable.
- 4.12.8 A Cricketer may be:
- a) loaned to play in all competitions for the Away PU or loaned for a specific Competition(s) without affecting the Cricketer's availability for the Home PU in other Competition(s).
  - b) The Home PU shall have priority should there be a conflict of fixtures for the Cricketer, save that in the event of a fixture clash between an Away PU fixture and a Home PU fixture, the Away PU shall have priority. A Cricketer may only be loaned to one Away PU at any one time.
- 4.12.9 There is no time limit for a loan, which could be for as little as one match.
- 4.12.10 A loan must be applied for a specific period via the Player Loan Form, and any subsequent extensions are permitted by agreement between the Home and Away PUs, the Cricketer and CI.
- 4.12.11 A Cricketer may, subject to the relevant restrictions set out in this Regulation, be loaned to more than one Away PU in any single season.
- 4.12.12 The registration of the Cricketer will remain with the Home PU throughout the loan period.
- 4.12.13 Note that no registration submitted for approval should be deemed as confirmed until advised accordingly by the COM.

## APPENDIX 1 – DEFINITIONS

**Age Determination Documents:** The documents required to be submitted to the ICC by a *Player* to verify his/her age along with the *Age Determination Form* as set out in that form.

**Age Determination Form:** The Age Determination Form prepared by the ICC from time to time and circulated to all participating *National Cricket Federations* in advance of each relevant *U19 Event*.

**Appeal Commissioner:** The independent person appointed by the ICC to perform the functions assigned to the *Appeal Commissioner* in the ICC's *Regulations*, who may be appointed from the ICC's *Code of Conduct Commission* or be such other suitably qualified independent person as the ICC may (in its absolute discretion) wish to appoint from time to time.

**Associate Member:** Any *National Cricket Federation* with associate member status of the ICC.

**Attempt:** Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an offence under these *Regulations*.

**Certified Copy:** A copy certified by the issuing authority of the document or by a lawyer, notary or other person of professional standing. The copy must be dated and signed and must include the following statement: "I certify that this is a true copy of the original [title of document] belonging to [Player's name]". This statement must be in English.

**Exceptional Circumstances:** Certain factors that, because of their exceptional, unique or unusual nature, can be relied upon by the *Exceptional Circumstances Committee* in the narrow circumstances described in the ICC's *Regulations* to permit the departure from the otherwise strict requirements of those *Regulations*.

**Exceptional Circumstances Committee:** The ICC Committee made up of the following three people: (i) the ICC's General Manager - Cricket (or his/her nominee); (ii) the ICC's *General Counsel* (or his/her nominee); and (iii) the ICC's Head of Global Development (or his/her nominee) and formed to preside over all matters relating to the application and implementation of the ICC's *Regulations*.

**Expert Panel:** The panel with appropriate knowledge and expertise, appointed from time to time by the ICC to perform the functions set out in Article 3 of the ICC's *Regulations*.

**Full Member:** Any *National Cricket Federation* with full member status of the ICC.

**ICC:** The International Cricket Council or its designee.

**ICC's Chief Executive Officer:** The person appointed by the ICC from time to time to act as the ICC's Chief Executive Officer.

**ICC's Code of Conduct Commission:** An official committee of the ICC established, amongst other things, to enquire into conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of the game of cricket. Each member of the *Code of Conduct Commission* shall be independent of the ICC, which may provide reasonable compensation and reimbursement of expenses to such members.

**ICC Eligibility Bodies:** Each of the *Appeal Commissioner*, *Exceptional Circumstances Committee*, *Expert Panel*, *Judicial Commissioner*, and *U19 Event Technical Committee*.

**ICC Events:** Each of the following: (a) the ICC Cricket World Cup; (b) the ICC World Twenty20; (c) the ICC Champions Trophy; (d) the ICC World Cricket League Championship and Divisions 2-5 (inclusive), together with any regional qualifying events thereto; (e) the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup; (f) the ICC *U19 CWC*; (g) the ICC World Cup Qualifying Tournament; (h) the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifying Tournament, together with any regional qualifying events thereto; (i) the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifying Tournament; (j) the *U19 CWCQ*, together with any regional qualifying events thereto; (k) the ICC Intercontinental Cup; and (l) any other event organised or sanctioned by the ICC from time to time to which the ICC deems it appropriate that these *Regulations* should apply.

**ICC's General Counsel:** The person appointed by the ICC from time to time to act as the ICC's General Counsel (or his/her designee).

**ICC Player Eligibility Database:** A database maintained by the ICC containing such player information as may be determined relevant for the purposes of these Regulations.

**ICC Player Eligibility Regulations:** The ICC's document relating to player eligibility for international cricket. A copy of these regulations can be found on the ICC website. Please click on the below link and when on the ICC website, scroll to the heading "Players, Player Support Personnel and Officials" and click on the hyperlink "Regulations – Playing: Player Eligibility Regulations – Effective 20 Oct 2018 (Amended 12 April 2021)" <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/playing-conditions>

**ICC's Tournament Director:** The person appointed by the ICC from time to time to act as the Tournament Director for a relevant ICC Event (or his/her designee).

**Ineligibility:** Means the Player is barred for a specified period of time from participation in any capacity in any International Match.

**International Match:** Each of the following (in men's and women's cricket): (a) any Test Match, One Day International Match or Twenty20 International Match; (b) any Match played as part of an ICC Event; (c) any other Match played between representative sides of any National Cricket Federation at Under 19 level or above; or (d) any other Match organised or sanctioned by the ICC from time to time to which the ICC deems it appropriate that these Regulations should apply.

**Judicial Commissioner:** The independent person appointed by the ICC from the ICC Code of Conduct Commission, to perform the functions assigned to the Judicial Commissioner under the ICC's Regulations.

**Match:** A cricket match of any format and duration in length played between representative teams (male or female) of two National Cricket Federations affiliated to the ICC.

**National Cricket Federation:** A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognised by the ICC as the entity governing the sport of cricket in a country (or collective group of countries associated for cricket purposes).

**Nationality Eligibility Criteria:** As defined in Article 4.2 of this document.

**Nationality Qualification Criteria:** As defined in Article 2.1 of this document.

**One Day International Match:** As defined by the ICC Classification of Official Cricket as amended from time to time.

**Player:** Any cricketer selected to represent a National Cricket Federation in any International Match or series of International Matches or, if the context so requires, any other cricketer whose eligibility for such selection falls to be determined in accordance with these Regulations and the ICC's Player Eligibility Regulations.

**Resident:** As defined in Articles 2.1.3 and 4.2.3 of this document.

**Squad Registration Form:** The Squad Registration Form prepared by the ICC from time to time in respect of each ICC Event

**Test Match:** As defined by the ICC Classification of Official Cricket as amended from time to time.

**Twenty20 International Match:** As defined by the ICC Classification of Official Cricket as amended from time to time.

**U19 CWC:** The ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup.

**U19 CWCQ:** Each ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup Regional Qualifying tournament to which the ICC deems it appropriate for this Policy to apply.

**U19 Event:** Each or any of the following: (a) the U19 CWC; and (b) the U19 CWCQ.

**U19 Event Technical Committee:** The U19 Event Technical Committee (as appointed from time to time).



## APPENDIX 2 – DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED TO PROVE SATISFACTION OF NATIONALITY QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

**NOTE:** In the case of *Associate Members* whose representative teams are participating in a particular *ICC Event*, the following information and documentation must (where applicable) be filed at the same time as the Squad Registration Form applicable for the relevant *ICC Event* is filed with the *ICC's Tournament Director*.

### Nationality Qualification Criteria (Article 2.1)

RELEVANT ARTICLE	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PROVE SATISFACTION OF NATIONALITY QUALIFICATION CRITERIA
<p><b>Article 2.1.1:</b> the <i>Player</i> was born in the country whose domestic cricket governing body is the <i>National Cricket Federation</i>.</p>	<p>A. Copy of the title page of passport and relevant page showing place of birth; <b>OR</b></p> <p>B. Copy of official birth certificate</p> <p>Either A or B - <b>MANDATORY</b></p>
<p><b>Article 2.1.2:</b> at the date of submission of the relevant information to the <i>ICC</i>, the <i>Player</i> is able to demonstrate (by his/her possession of a valid passport issued by the relevant country) that he/she is a national of the country whose domestic cricket governing body is the <i>National Cricket Federation</i>.</p>	<p>Copy of the title page of passport and relevant page showing nationality – <b>MANDATORY</b></p>
<p><b>Article 2.1.3:</b> at the date of submission of the relevant information to the <i>ICC</i>, the <i>Player</i> is a <i>Resident</i> of the country whose domestic cricket governing body is the <i>National Cricket Federation</i>.</p>	<p>A. The <i>ICC's</i> template form titled 'Data Summary for Resident Players', attached at Appendix 3, properly completed and signed by the relevant <i>National Cricket Federation</i> and <i>Player</i>; <b>AND</b></p> <p>B. Any three of the following documents  copy of Passport with entry dates stamped;  driver's licence;  utility bills with name and address (e.g. water, gas, electricity, landline telephone) spanning the three year period;  employment contract;  income tax return documents;  pay slip from employer;  working visa;  bank statements;  rental/lease agreement for home;  mortgage agreement;  property purchase/bill of sale;  naturalization card (i.e. green card);  vehicle registration document;  school record/transcription;  social security or medical insurance card.</p> <p>A and B are <b>MANDATORY</b></p> <p>Any other relevant information that confirms that the <i>Player</i> has had his/her primary and permanent home in the relevant country over the immediately preceding three years.</p>

### APPENDIX 3 – DATA SUMMARY FORM FOR RESIDENT PLAYERS

A Data Summary Form (in the form set out in this Appendix) must be completed on official letterhead of the applicable *National Cricket Federation* for each *Player* seeking to qualify as a ‘Resident’ for a particular country. In the case of *Associate Members* whose representative teams are participating in a particular *ICC Event*, it must be filed with the *ICC Tournament Director* at the time of filing the *Squad Registration Form*.

**NOTE:** This Form has been prepared in such a way so that it can remain ‘live’ for all *Players*, thereby avoiding unnecessary duplication of information for subsequent applications. If it becomes necessary to make a subsequent application, then the *National Cricket Federation* needs only to add in the new information where appropriate and re-calculate using the subsequent filing date of the *Squad Registration Form* as the starting point from which to work backwards (see instructions below).

Dear International Cricket Council,

**Date of submission:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament (including dates):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name of Player as per Passport:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player’s Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form overleaf by following the steps described below, having due regard to the example form provided:

**STEP 1:** Complete Box A (‘General Record of Residency’) with a full record of residency in (and absences from) the relevant country, starting with the earliest period of residency and working forward in chronological order to date.

**NOTE:** For subsequent applications, this record of residency need only be supplemented with the most recent information, which should continue to be added to the bottom of the existing record already contained in Box A.

**STEP 2:** Insert the due date of submission of the *Squad Registration Form*.

**NOTE:** For subsequent applications, the due date of submission of the *Squad Registration Form* will be different to that which applies for the purposes of the original application. It will therefore need to be replaced with the new due date of submission.

**STEP 3:** Complete the first column of Box B (‘Relevant Residency’) with the dates of the relevant years to which the application applies, working in reverse order from the due date of submission of the *Squad Registration Form*.

**NOTE:** For example, where the due date of submission of the *Squad Registration Form* is 1 April 2018, then: (i) *YEAR ONE* will be 2 April 2017 – 1 April 2018; (ii) *YEAR TWO* will be 2 April 2016 – 1 April 2017; and (iii) *YEAR THREE* will be 2 April 2015 – 1 April 2016.

**NOTE:** For subsequent applications where the due date for submitting the *Squad Registration Form* is different, the relevant years for the purposes of the application will also be and need to be replaced with the correct years.

**STEP 4:** Using the information provided in Box A, complete Box B with the details of the relevant residency in each of the relevant years.

**NOTE:** For subsequent applications, because the relevant years will be different to that of the original application (see above), the relevant residency in each year may also need to be recalculated and replaced.

When completing the form, please note that days on which a *Player* departs from and/or arrives into the relevant country shall not be treated as an absence from that country.

**EXAMPLE FORM:**

DATE OF EXIT	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OUT OF COUNTRY	REASON FOR ABSENCE
1 January 2014	15 January 2014	13	Vacation
15 April 2014	20 April 2014	4	Visiting relatives
1 February 2015	1 May 2015	88	Playing cricket overseas for X Club
12 October 2016	20 October 2016	7	Vacation
1 November 2017	11 January 2018	70	Playing cricket overseas for Y Club
15 February 2018	25 February 2018	9	Vacation
<b>DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF SQUAD REGISTRATION FORM:</b>			<b>1 April 2018 *</b>

RELEVANT YEAR	FROM	TO	TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OUT OF COUNTRY	TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS IN COUNTRY
YEAR: ONE	2 April 2017	1 April 2018 *	79	286
YEAR: TWO	2 April 2016	1 April 2017	7	358
YEAR: THREE	2 April 2015	1 April 2016	29	336

1) **BOX A: GENERAL RECORD OF RESIDENCY:**

DATE OF EXIT	DATE OF ENTRY	TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OUT OF COUNTRY	REASON FOR ABSENCE
<b>DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF SQUAD REGISTRATION FORM:</b>			