



# Club Affiliation Package 2025



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# 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.

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 level 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 2024 until 30th September 2025**.

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 Failure to complete either of these things will see affiliation and the right to play cricket in Cambridgeshire withdrawn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

There is a choice of **4 different levels** of affiliation for clubs to sign up to for 2025:

**Higher Package - £100.00-** Full Benefits Package for Clubs with a Junior section (including National Programmes), regardless of open age activity. All Women's & Girls' clubs and Clubmark accredited clubs should affiliate at this level

**Standard Package - £50.00-** Clubs or Teams who only have open age sides competing in the CCA or Cambs & Hunts Premier Leagues

**Midweek/Friendly Package - £20.00-** Clubs or Teams who do not play in the CCA or Cambs & Hunts Premier Leagues, but play friendly or local Cambridgeshire midweek competitions

**Associate Package - £20.00** - 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)

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

# Higher Package Affiliation

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee Per Club
Higher	<p>Clubs with a Junior section (including National Programmes), regardless of open age activity</p> <p>All Women's &amp; Girls' clubs</p> <p>All Clubmark accredited clubs</p>	<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>	£100

# Standard Package Affiliation

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee Per Club
Standard	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> <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>	£50

# Midweek/Friendly & Associate Package Affiliation

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee Per Club
<b>Midweek/ Friendly</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>£20</b>
<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>£20</b>



# Conditions of Affiliation

## Renewal Dates and Deadlines

The affiliation year runs until **30th September 2025**. The deadline for renewal of affiliation is **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**. 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.

## Cambridgeshire Cricket/ ECB Terms & Conditions of Affiliation

*New for 2025* all clubs will need to confirm they have adopted the Cambridgeshire Cricket/ ECB Terms of Affiliation available [HERE](#). This is mandatory for all clubs

This document outlines the expectations of clubs in relation to....

- [ECB Anti Discrimination Code](#)
- [ECB General Conduct Regulations](#)
- [ECB Safe Hands Policy](#)
- ECB Safe Hands Management System

More information on this document can be found [HERE](#). Any questions not answered here should be sent to [clubsupport@cambscricket.org.uk](mailto:clubsupport@cambscricket.org.uk)



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## CRICKET'S CORE VALUES

### MISSION

Inspire a generation to say that "cricket is a game for me"

### VISION

We want cricket to be the most inclusive team sport in England and Wales.

#### RUN ON RESPECT

We ensure our game is based on fairness, respect and decency.

#### EMBRACE ENJOYMENT

We make sure everyone finds fun in the game.

#### BUILD BELONGING

We actively include so everyone can find a place in the game.

#### PROGRESS WITH PURPOSE

We stay open to change to keep the game moving forward.

## Cricket's Core Values

Cambridgeshire Cricket has adopted the ECB's new Core Values for the game and expects clubs that affiliate to us to do likewise

We encourage clubs to ensure they are run on respect, embrace enjoyment, build belonging and progress with purpose to ensure that they provide safe, inclusive and welcoming environments for all members, families and communities

You can learn more about Cricket's Core Values via the video [HERE](#)





## Club Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding is about creating the right culture at your club. The Club Chair and Committee have ultimate responsibility for safeguarding. A major part of the ECB Safe Hands Policy is the appointment and training of a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO). Every ECB affiliated club and organisation must recruit, appoint and train a Club Safeguarding Officer. The Chair must ensure the CSO has been appropriately recruited via a safer recruitment process. The CSO will be an essential first point of contact for safeguarding matters and crucially, should ensure the club is adopting and implementing Safe Hands.

A CSO must complete an online ECB training course and a 3 hour in person Safe Hands workshop to support and equip them for the role. For more detail on appointing a CSO please see the ECB website- [Appointing-and-Training-a-Club-Safeguarding-Officer.pdf](#)

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 3 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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## **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 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 2025**

The number of roles each club needs to add onto this system is dependent on the clubs offer. As a minimum we would expect clubs to have compliant individuals on the system for the roles of Club Chair, Safeguarding Officer and Captains

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

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

Some volunteer roles, such as Club Safeguarding Officer, 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)

Cambridgeshire Cricket expects clubs to ensure that all those undertaking roles requiring DBS checks have checks in place. Failure to do this may result in affiliation being withdrawn



# Benefits of Affiliation

Cambridgeshire Cricket has a team of staff in place to support clubs that are affiliated and geographically located within our county boundaries. Please see our staff details here <https://www.cambscricket.org.uk/meet-the-staff/> or contact [clubsupport@cambscricket.org.uk](mailto:clubsupport@cambscricket.org.uk) with any general enquiries

## ECB Free Game Wide Insurance Policy

Upon joining the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) affiliated 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](#)



# Cambridgeshire Cricket Affiliation Form 2024-2025



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