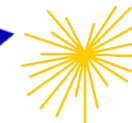




Club Affiliation Package 2026



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Inspiring young people through 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.

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 **1st October 2025 until 30th September 2026**.

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 Failure to complete either of these things will see affiliation and the right to play cricket in Cambridgeshire withdrawn

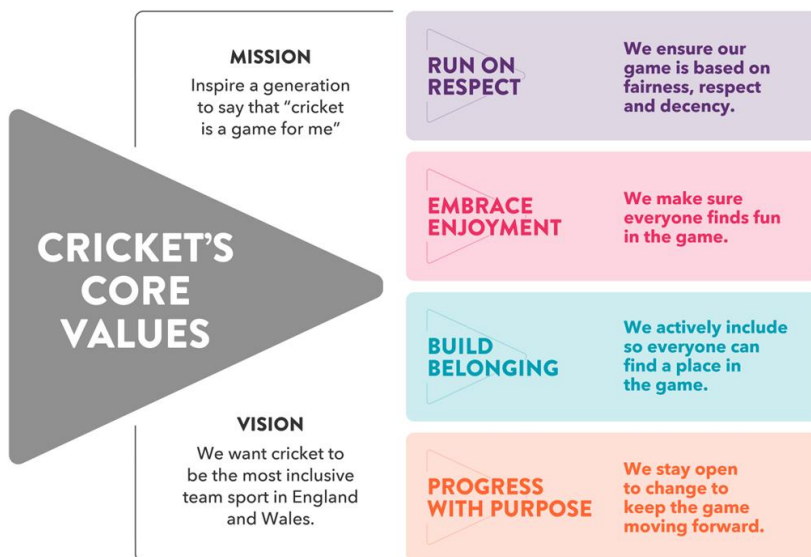


What is Affiliation?

Affiliation is the formal process by which a club becomes part of the organised cricket community overseen by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), which is the national governing body for cricket in England and Wales.

Clubs affiliate by completing an affiliation process and paying a fee to the local Recreational Cricket Board (RCB), in return for which they gain access to a range of benefits only available to affiliated clubs. Affiliating clubs are also asked to confirm their commitment to following certain rules and standards set by the ECB, most of which clubs will already be familiar with.

Cricket's Core Values



Cambridgeshire Cricket has adopted the ECB's new Core Values for the game which underpin how cricket should be played and run. We expect affiliated clubs to adopt and demonstrate these values.

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](#)



Levels of Affiliation

There is a choice of **4 different levels** of affiliation for clubs to sign up to for 2026:

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 existing 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)

The benefits of each level of affiliation are shown on the next 3 pages



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Higher Package Affiliation

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee Per Club
Higher	Clubs with a Junior section (including National Programmes), regardless of open age activity All Women's & Girls' clubs All Clubmark accredited clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to play in organised open-age competition within Cambridgeshire (eg. CCA, CHPL)• Full access to play-cricket website• Access to and support with compliance around SHMS (Safe Hands Management System)• Support for existing Clubmark clubs (including club development planning)• Membership of Cambs & Hunts Grounds Association• Access to Cambridgeshire Pitch Advisor• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket's e-newsletter 'Beyond the Boundary'• Access to ECB County Grants Fund (after meeting additional criteria)• Ability for volunteers to be recognised as part of annual Cricket Collective Awards• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)• Access to training bursaries (if available)• Support of Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Officer in implementing 'Safe Hands'• Access and support to implement policies and procedures to ensure club compliance• Access to ECB Free Public Liability Insurance via SHMS	£100



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Standard Package Affiliation

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee Per Club
Standard	Open age activity only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to play in organised open-age competition within Cambridgeshire (eg. CCA, CHPL)• Full access to play-cricket website• Membership of Cambs & Hunts Grounds Association• Access to Cambridgeshire Pitch Advisor• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket's e-newsletter `Beyond the Boundary`• Access to ECB County Grants Fund (after meeting additional criteria)• Ability for volunteers to be recognised as part of annual Grassroots Cricket Awards• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)• Access to training bursaries (if available)• Support of Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Officer in implementing `Safe Hands`• Access to policies and procedures to ensure club compliance• Access to and support with compliance around SHMS (Safe Hands Management System)• Access to ECB Free Public Liability Insurance via SHMS	£50



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Midweek/Friendly & Associate Package Affiliation

Affiliation Level	Descriptor	Benefits	Fee Per Club
Midweek/ Friendly	Clubs or Teams who play friendly or local Cambridgeshire midweek competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to play in organised midweek competition within Cambridgeshire• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket's e-newsletter 'Beyond the Boundary'• Full access to play-cricket website• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)• Access to and support to reach compliance on the Safe Hands Management System	£20
Associate	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">• Able to play in organised competition within Cambridgeshire (eg. CYCA, CCA, CHPL)• Access to Cambridgeshire Cricket's e-newsletter 'Beyond the Boundary'• Full access to play-cricket website• Access to workforce development courses (coaches, scorers, umpires and groundskeepers)	£20

Once you have decided which level of affiliation is most appropriate for your club, please open the link on the last page of this brochure and complete the online affiliation process



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Benefits of Affiliation

In addition to the benefits shown for each level 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 with any general enquiries

ECB Free Game Wide Insurance Policy

All affiliated clubs are able to access a comprehensive Combined Liability Policy covering all typical cricket club risks -completely FREE as part of your affiliation. This policy provides

PUBLIC LIABILITY £15 MILLION Accidental injury to third parties and property damage. Includes safe member-to-member liability.	PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY £10 MILLION Protection for coaches against claims for errors in professional advice and coaching.	PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY £15 MILLION Liability arising from use, ownership, or possession of club premises and facilities.
SAFEGUARDING COVERAGE £2 MILLION Protection against allegations of failing in duty to create safe environment.	DIRECTORS & OFFICERS £2 MILLION Personal liability protection for committee members, directors, and trustees.	CYBER LIABILITY £50,000 Data breaches, cyber attacks, and online fraud. £10,000 for cyber crime per loss.

Clubs will need to be registered on Safe Hands Management System and complete the online risk assessment to unlock this offer

More details on the Free Insurance Offer and other insurance advice can be found [HERE](#)



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Conditions of Affiliation

As part of the affiliation process, clubs are required to accept the eight Conditions of Affiliation set by the ECB and Cambridgeshire Cricket Limited



More details on each condition of affiliation can be found in the ECB Guide to Club Affiliation [HERE](#)



Renewal Dates and Deadlines

The affiliation year runs until **30th September 2026**. The deadline for renewal of affiliation is **Monday 2nd March 2026**. 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

All clubs affiliating to Cambridgeshire Cricket will be expected to agree to comply by the Terms & Conditions of Affiliation. Club's will be expected to do this by ticking the agree to comply box within the affiliation process and by accepting these Terms & Conditions on Play-Cricket.

Failure to accept the Terms & Conditions in both places will result in the clubs affiliation being withdrawn

The Terms & Conditions of Affiliation can be found [HERE](#)



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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](#)

Details of our courses ahead of the 2026 season can be found [HERE](#)

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 **30th April 2026**

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 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

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



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New Club Affiliation Requirements

All new primary affiliated clubs will be required to attend a new clubs workshop ahead of the 2026 season to have their affiliation accepted by Cambridgeshire Cricket Limited

The purpose of this workshop is to make new clubs aware of the support available to them from Cambridgeshire Cricket, to cover the benefits of affiliation with new clubs and to reinforce the conditions new clubs need to abide by as a result of their affiliation

The workshop will be open to all main club committee roles, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer and Club Captain

New clubs will need to complete the online affiliation as normal and will be provided with more details of this workshop once this process has been completed



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2027 Affiliation Requirements

From 2027 affiliation to the ECB and County Cricket Boards will be moving to an evidence based model

By 2027 all affiliated clubs will need to demonstrate compliance with basic affiliation requirements including

- ✓ Signing the Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) of affiliation
- ✓ Being fully onboarded onto the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)
- ✓ Having a club constitution
- ✓ Having appropriate insurance cover
- ✓ Operating a bank account in the club's name
- ✓ Having a basic club structure with clearly defined key roles
- ✓ Holding an Annual General Meeting

While we are confident lots of clubs will already be meeting each of these requirements and can provide evidence to demonstrate this, we are aware some clubs may not be in this position. We would encourage all clubs to review each of these requirements to ensure they are in a position to meet them when the 2027 affiliation process opens

To support clubs with this move, the ECB have put together the [Club Affiliation Toolkit](#) which houses a series of guides and documents to help clubs meet all requirements

For further support in meeting these requirements please contact clubsupport@cambscricket.org.uk

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