



THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

**AN EXPLANATION OF THE RULES CONCERNING
THE USE OF OVERSEAS PLAYERS IN 2008**

1. ALL overseas players will need to be registered with the Hon. Secretary of the League before they may play in the 2008 Season.#
2. Only one 'Overseas Player' * shall play for each club per season. This player must be registered with the Hon. Secretary 7 days before his first game and no later than 31st May. (Form OP 1 must be used and this is obtainable from the Hon. Secretary).# - **Rule 7 (d) i) applies.**
3. * An 'Overseas Player' is defined as an overseas national who is not a holder of, or is not entitled to hold, a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Passport or an Eire Passport. - **Rule 7 (d) iii) applies.**
4. If a player is uncertain of his national status in relation to the League's rules then he must check out his credentials with the Hon. Secretary # before he may play.
5. If there is any doubt about the credibility of any player from overseas or elsewhere who has not completed Forms OP1 or OP2 or OP3, then the player will be required to justify his status. This eligibility may be challenged by another club or a League official and the onus will be upon the player (and his club) to provide clear prove of status to the Hon. Secretary. #
6. An 'Overseas Player' * who has played for six consecutive seasons for one club as the overseas player shall be deemed a home player for that club. The player and his club must complete Form OP3 and this is obtainable from the Hon. Secretary#, which gives complete details of his past record with the Club. - **Rule 7 (d) ii) applies.**
7. Only one 'Overseas Player' * can be registered for each club for each season even if he leaves before May 31st. After that date no 'Overseas Player' * may be registered. - **Rule 7 (d) v) applies.**
8. A club with teams in other league cricket outside of the Somerset Cricket League shall have those teams counted in relation to 'one player per club'. **Note.** This generally applies to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs of clubs with teams in the WEPL.
9. The submission to the Hon. Secretary # of Forms OP1, OP2 and OP3 **MUST** be made at least 7days before the player's first game for the club.

10. In the special case of an overseas player seeking to play for a club that already has a player registered through Form OP1 or OP3 then he (and his club) must complete Form OP2 and also give a separate detailed explanation of the reasons for breaching the Rule 7 (d) i). - **Note the comments from Form OP2.** *Permission for an additional player to that already registered on Form OP1 will only be given if the club can give a satisfactory explanation to its reasons for the need to breach the SCL Rule 7(d) i). Clubs will only be given permission for this additional player if he is resident in the UK on a permanent basis and his reason for being here is **not primarily cricket**. Players who have come to the Club (and this Country) initially to play cricket and have stayed on afterwards will not be considered for approval under Form OP2. However, if they qualify under Rule 7 (d) ii) then they should complete Form OP3 and return it to the Hon. Secretary # for registration purposes.*
An example of approval may be someone who has moved to the club's local community for employment/marital/family reasons. However, even this category will require a detailed explanation of the reasons for approval within the SCL Rules regarding 'Overseas Players'
*The detailed explanation to seek approval for registration purposes under Form OP2 should be made on club headed paper and should include as much information as is available to the club administration to allow the Management Sub-Committee of the Somerset Cricket League to have a full picture of the reasons to grant special approval under Rule 7 (d) iii). **Note.** Any person who falls into this category and wishes to play cricket in the Somerset Cricket League may ask the Management Committee for permission to play at least 7 days before his first game. (Form OP 2 applies – obtainable from the Hon. Secretary).#*
- 11 **'Home' Status.** Any player who holds, or is entitled to hold, a current United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Passport or an Eire Passport shall be deemed a 'home player'. - **Rule 7 (d) iv) applies.** British nationals who do not have a passport (eg. A person who has never been out of the Country and has therefore no requirement for a passport *may* need to clarify status with a birth certificate if challenged).
- 12 Failure to provide the correct information or provide misleading information or incomplete information could seriously affect the status of the club and involvement in any matches by 'illegal' players could result in stringent penalties being imposed by the Committee.
- 13 * For the purposes of the Somerset Cricket League Rules, an 'Overseas Player' is defined as – **“An overseas national who is not a holder of, or is not entitled to hold, a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Passport or an Eire Passport”.** - **Rule 7 (d) iii) applies.**
- 14 # In the absence of the Hon. Secretary, the Results Secretary will issue and receive forms OP 1, OP2 and OP 3.

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