



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Dear club chairmen

## Overseas players in 2021

Following the Premier Section committee meeting, at which one agenda item related to overseas players in 2021, we thought it would be useful to contact clubs to update them on the current position.

Despite the current 'lockdown', and the uncertainty that inevitably exists regarding the new season, the ECB is keen that a full season is played if possible. We will accordingly continue to plan for the start of the season on the basis of the published fixture lists. However, this is very much subject to review over the forthcoming weeks as Government and ECB plans evolve, and we have started the process of contingency planning.

It is worth noting, however, that in 2020 there were no ECB or League restrictions on overseas players, and the League does not envisage imposing restrictions in 2021.

There are some minor amendments to the qualifying criteria for Tier 5 visas. These can be found at:

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2020/10/09/f9dca1a6-9b40-42b9-bdd0-430781932656/Annex-7-051020-VF.pdf>

In respect of other criteria, the League will continue to work to the guidance provided by the ECB regarding the eligibility of overseas players and amateurs. Links to the relevant guidance are provided below:

[https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2020/09/01/72647148-34d7-4320-a92f-aa07d65f7afc/Additional\\_Information\\_-26082020-VF.pdf](https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2020/09/01/72647148-34d7-4320-a92f-aa07d65f7afc/Additional_Information_-26082020-VF.pdf)

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2021/01/12/e9677504-880b-445a-9dd0-5cbd9adaef0d/Visa-Overview-from-1st-January-2021.pdf>

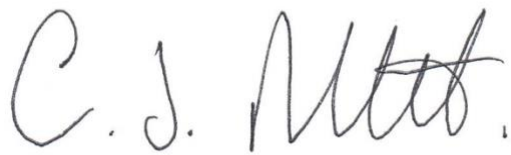
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Registration forms for overseas professionals and amateurs are available on the League web site at <https://www.ycspl.co.uk/rules-forms/>. A form **must** be completed and sent to me for any overseas player you wish to register to play in the YCSPL.

There is an addition to both forms for 2021 which reflects the world travel situation in the light of the COVID 19 pandemic. Clubs will be asked to provide details of overseas players' arrival dates and proposed first league fixture, in order to ensure that any government-imposed travel and quarantine imposed timescales and restrictions pertaining at the time can be met. At the present time, we do not know what these will be (if any), but we want to ensure that players are fully compliant.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. J. Froggett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "J".

Chris Froggett