



Eligibility Guidelines
for
cricketers with a learning disability
in
ECB domestic level competitions

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Eligibility Process for players with a Learning Disability

The ECB D40League and Super9's leagues exist to provide competitive cricket opportunities to people with both Physical and Learning Disabilities. To enable the leagues to be seen as offering a level playing field for all who wish to participate in it, it is necessary to ensure that all players meet a recognised and agreed level of disability. This is the reason why eligibility profiling exists in all disability sport.

Learning Disability is a disability characterised by significant limitation in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills. This disability originates before the age of 18.

If the **only** condition in a player is ADHD; Autism; Dyslexia; Behavioural problems or Asperger's for example then it will be unlikely that these conditions will fulfil the Learning Disability eligibility requirements.

The England and Wales Cricket Board in consultation with UKSAPLD (United Kingdom Sports Association for People with Learning Disabilities) and EFDS (English Federation of Disability Sport) have produced a process of eligibility for players with a Learning Disability to play in ECB managed disabled cricket competitions.

This process and specifically the eligibility evidence requirements are not as stringent as that applied in the UKSA's own process, however it has been agreed that cricket will apply the following requirements for all Learning Disability players playing in ECB managed competitive disability competition.

The Assessment Process

Once a player has registered with the county by completing a player registration form, the player will be contacted direct either by post or email by ECB and sent an **MLD Eligibility form** and guideline document. The player will be required to provide two pieces of appropriate eligibility evidence to the relevant trained ECB Classification Officer listed on page 26 of this document. This form is required, in addition to the player registration form mentioned in section 2 of the Player Registration Process.

The list of supporting evidence required is listed in the 'Supporting Evidence List' section of this document.

Once the ECB Classification Officer has received the documentation he will complete a checklist and sign it and send it to the ECB Disability Support Officer who will double check the details. Provided all checks out correctly and that the supporting evidence has met the criteria then the player will receive notification from the ECB stating the players' eligibility to compete in the D40League and any other ECB managed disability cricket competitions

PLEASE NOTE: A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION WILL ONLY BE RELEVANT TO CRICKET. IT WILL NOT ENTITLE A PLAYER TO COMPETE IN ANY OTHER DISABILITY SPORT. TO COMPETE IN OTHER

DISABILITY SPORTS THE SPECIFIC NGB GUIDELINES FOR THAT RELEVANT SPORT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED.

The supporting evidence that you send to the ECB Classification Officers will be scanned and held on a secure server for reference. If you wish to have the documentation returned, please indicate on the MLD Classification Form. If you do not indicate on the form, then it will be scanned and the hardcopy will be stored in a secure environment within the ECB

Appeals and Insufficient Evidence

The ECB Classification Officer may ask for further verification if it were felt that the supporting evidence supplied was not sufficient. In most cases where this applies, the verifier will contact the player or player's parent / guardian direct to ask for further supporting documentation.

It may be in the end, that a player will not meet the requirements for a Learning Disabled player in cricket due to either insufficient evidence supplied, or that the player just does not meet the criteria. In these cases and by way of an appeal, the player may apply direct to UKSAPLD (United Kingdom Sports Association for People with Learning Disabilities) to gain classification through their process. The ECB Disabilities Support Officer will happily provide help and guidance through this process.

It should be noted that this will incur a cost of £50. These monies will be partly re-fundable (£25) if the player is found to be eligible.



Supporting Evidence List

A player will need to provide **TWO** pieces of evidence from the following list. At least one piece of evidence needs to be either 1, 2 or 6 below. Please do not send original documents (**PHOTOCOPIES ONLY**)

1. IQ Test: Evidence of a full scale IQ test where the score is 75 or less. If the player has a statement of educational needs then an IQ test may form part of that statement. (This should be available from the players' school).

2. Special Education: Evidence would be a full copy of the persons Statement of Educational Needs, Record of Needs or equivalent and any appendices. This as in option 1 should be available from the players' school.

3. Special Accommodation: Evidence of a player living in special accommodation may be a letter from the accommodation provider. The letter would need to be on original headed notepaper and must contain a signature from the accommodation Principal and it must include the players' name.

4. Special Employment: Evidence here will be a letter from an employer or employment provider (such as Remploy) stating that the player is employed in a specially structured environment. The letter would need to be on original headed notepaper and must contain a signature from the employer or employment provider and it must contain the players' name.

5. Statutory Financial Support: The evidence here would be a letter from the DWP or DHS showing that the player is receiving Attendance or Carers allowance, Disability Living Allowance or equivalents. You will need to provide full letters and not just the first page. The letter must show that you are receiving this financial support now. Send the most up to date letter that you have.

6. Age of Onset pre 18: Intellectual disability must be evident during the developmental period, which is from conception to 18 years of age. Evidence here is the Statement for Educational Needs, evidence of an IQ test before the age of 18 or a psychologist's report that states that the person has a learning disability from an early age.

For players over the age of 18 some of the items may prove difficult to obtain, such as evidence from schools, particularly if the player is of an age where the school days were some time ago, however, the list above should still be sufficiently large enough for those players to provide two pieces of legitimate evidence.

PLEASE NOTE: It is in the interest of the ECB to ensure competitive disability cricket is played by the appropriate people. The ECB are not in the game of excluding people where the game on offer is the appropriate environment for individuals with learning disabilities to develop.

Every effort will be made to ensure that players provide the relevant documentation and the ECB are committed to working with players and their families or support, to ensure this happens

ECB Profiling Classification Officers

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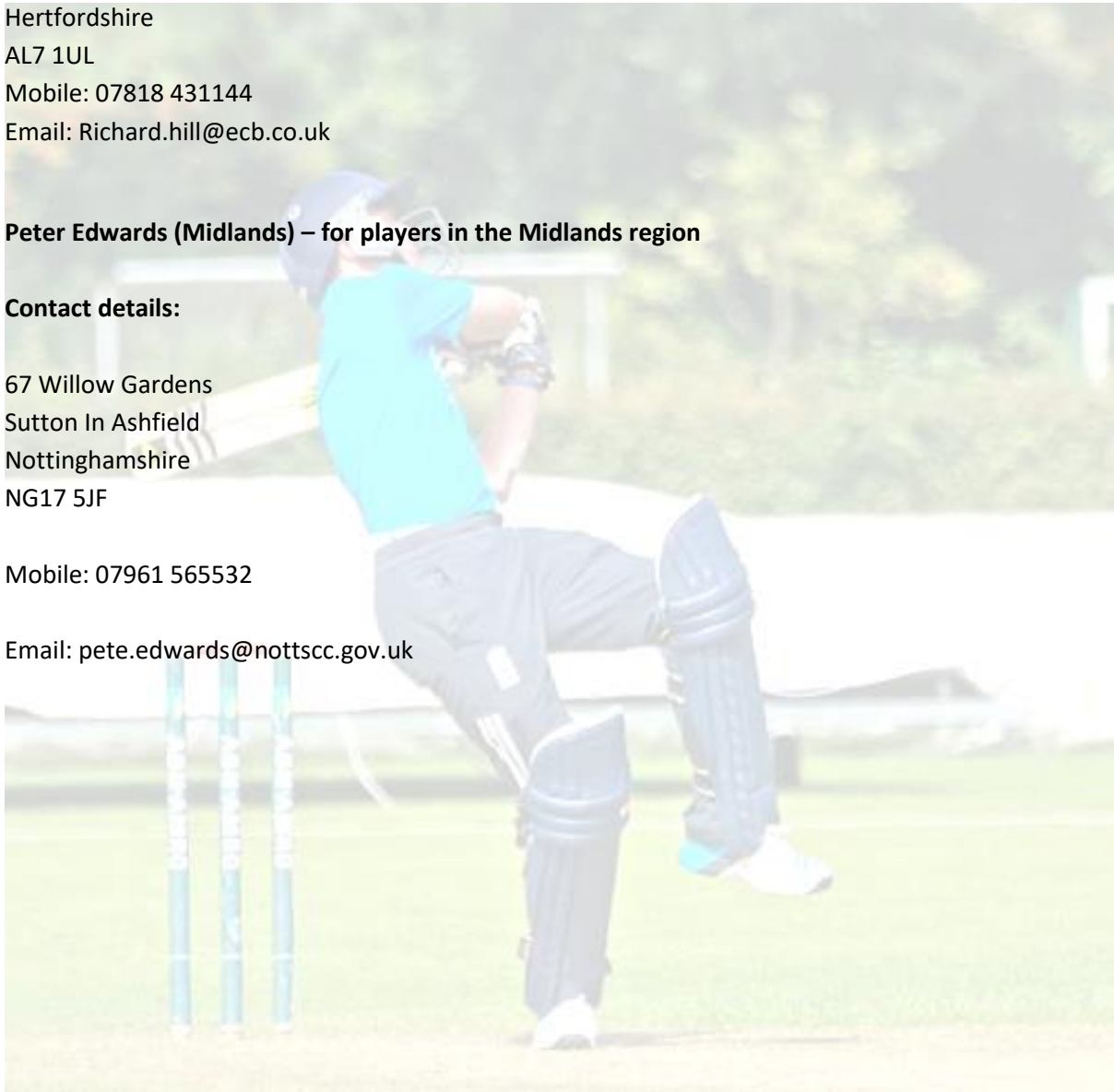
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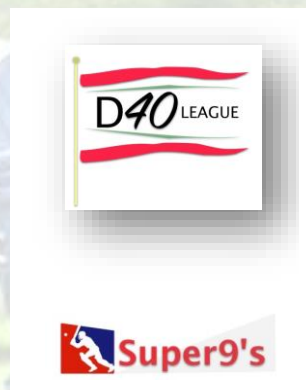
ECB National Disability County Cricket Competitions

MLD Eligibility Form



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| Name |
| Address |
| Post Code |
| Telephone Number |
| Mobile Number |
| Email Address |
| County Team |
| Nature of Learning Disability |

| Supporting Evidence | Please Tick |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| IQ Test | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Accommodation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Statutory Financial Support | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Onset Pre 18 Evidence | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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| Signed | Player |
| Date | |
| Signed | Parent / Guardian |
| Date | |

Please return this form along with copies of your supporting evidence to:

Richard Hill. 25 Nutfield, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. AL71UL.

ECB Profiling Classification Officer Check List

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| Check for completion of the following: | Tick | Classification Officer's Signature |
|---|------|------------------------------------|
| MLD Classification Form Completed | | |
| Players Signature & date | | |
| Parent / Guardian Signature & date | | |
| Two Pieces of supportive evidence attached | | |
| Evidence 1 | | |
| Evidence 2 | | |

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|-----------------------|--|
| Player's Name | |
| County Team | |
| Registration Number | |
| Player Informed | |
| County Coach Informed | |
| ECB Verifier Name | |
| Signature | |
| Date | |