

ELIGIBILITY

1. **MEN'S**

PLUNKET SHIELD, FORD TROPHY ONE DAY, MCDONALDS SUPER SMASH

- 1.1 No player shall be eligible to be contracted by or to play cricket for a Major Association unless he is:
- (a) A New Zealand citizen, or New Zealand permanent resident; or a player who is eligible to represent the BLACKCAPS under ICC Eligibility Regulations; or
 - (b) an overseas player; or
 - (c) a New Zealand qualifying player
- 1.2 Overseas player means a person who is not eligible to play for the BLACKCAPS and does not meet the New Zealand qualifying criteria.
- 1.3 New Zealand Qualifying player is a player who:
- (a) has declared his intention, in writing to NZC, to become eligible to represent the BLACKCAPS;
 - (b) is not currently eligible to be selected for the BLACKCAPS or available for selection for another country's national team;
 - (c) has, immediately following his declaration played in New Zealand for two (2) consecutive seasons and/or resided in New Zealand for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; and
 - (d) continues to demonstrate his ongoing commitment to becoming eligible for the BLACKCAPS to the satisfaction of NZC and the CPA.
- 1.4 In exceptional circumstances, NZC and the CPA may agree to consider an application by a player to be considered a New Zealand qualifying player without fulfilling the criteria set out above. In such circumstances, the player must clearly demonstrate to the satisfaction of NZC and the CPA that he is committed to becoming eligible to play for the BLACKCAPS and residing permanently in New Zealand.
- 1.5 For the purpose of the clauses 1.6 and 1.7 below, overseas players and New Zealand qualifying players shall be deemed to be ineligible players.
- 1.6 For each Plunket Shield or Ford Trophy competition match, each Major Association may select a maximum of one (1) overseas player and/or a maximum of two (2) New Zealand qualifying players in its final playing XI,

provided that the total number of ineligible players selected in any final playing XI may not exceed two (2) ineligible players.

- 1.7 For each McDonalds Super Smash match, each Major Association may select a maximum of two (2) overseas players and/or a maximum of two (2) New Zealand qualifying players in its final playing XI, provided that the total number of ineligible players selected in any final playing XI may not exceed three (3) ineligible players.
- 1.8 It shall be the duty of a Major Association before contracting with or selecting any player under Rule 1.1(b) and 1.1(c) herein or whose eligibility may otherwise be in question to submit the issue of such player's eligibility to NZC/NZCPA for confirmation of the player's eligibility. NZC/NZCPA may, on its own motion or otherwise, deal with and decide any question of the eligibility of any player upon such oral, documentary or other evidence as it thinks fit, and its decision may be announced by email, letter or fax before, during or after any match in which the question of the player's status has been raised.
- 1.9 A player eligible to play for a Major Association under Rule 1.1(b) or 1.1(c) shall not be debarred from representing a District Association in the District Association Cup competition if eligible under those competition regulations.
- 1.10 No player shall represent more than one Association in the same season at First Class level without the express sanction of NZC.

2. WOMEN'S

WOMEN'S ONE DAY AND TWENTY20 COMPETITION MATCHES

- 2.1 (a) Any player must be available to play for the Major Association where she plays club cricket unless exempted under clause 2.1(b) below.
- (b) A player who has already represented one Major Association (or District Association within that Major Association) at age-group level may continue to represent that Association.

Note to the Regulations. The decision as to where a player will play if she is eligible for more than one Association is at the discretion of the player.

- 2.2 All players must represent the same Major Association in One Day and Twenty20 and Women's Tournaments in the same season, with the exception of a loan player in One Day and Twenty20 competitions.

2.3 Women's Domestic Competition – Loan player system

- (a) The loan system replaces the current drafting system.
- (b) Under the loan system Major Association's still need to name their "protected" 14 players for the season by the due date, at which time a player not selected in a Major Association squad may be loaned.

- (c) A protected player may be loaned during the season.
- (d) A player wishing to be loaned must approach their home Major Association coach requesting to be loaned.
- (e) An away Major Association approaches a potential loan player through the home Major Association coach.
- (f) A player is loaned by the home Major Association to the away Major Association for a specified period of time.
- (g) NZC to be informed in writing of any loan prior to the commencement of the loan – a loan form to be signed by home MA, away MA, the player and lodged with NZC Operations prior to the player taking the field – an extension can be given upon further application to NZC that is supported by the home MA, the away Major Association and the player.
- (h) The Major Association High Performance Manager (both home and away) must sign off on a loan player.
- (i) A loan player may play in both formats of the game (Twenty20 and 50 over).
- (j) A home Major Association may play a maximum of two loan players in a match.
- (k) A player may be loaned to an away Major Association mid round (if injury occurs) but a loan player cannot be called back to the home Major Association mid round, the normal application must be followed.
- (l) A player cannot play for two different MA's in the same round.
- (m) A player may be loaned to more than one away Major Association in the season.
- (n) If a final is between the home Major Association and away Major Association the loan player should, if selected, represent their home MA.
- (o) The loan only applies for the season in which it takes place.
- (p) A loan may be approved on the day e.g. a visiting team has 12 players and injuries occur on the morning of a match or during a match mid round. The away Major Association may request a loan from the home Major Association but this would be subject to home MA, away MA, the player and NZC agreeing. Refer to clause (l). This process should take place by telephone prior to the match commencing.

2.4 Overseas Players

An overseas player means a person who is not eligible to play for the WHITE FERNS. Each Major Association may select only one overseas player in the playing XI.

Note: For the purposes of these regulations, a female player who has represented an ICC Associate or Affiliate member in an International match is not considered to be an overseas player.

3. **Overriding discretion of NZC**

Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 1 and 2 herein and for the avoidance of doubt, NZC shall have the power at any time to allow any player to be contracted with or selected by a Major Association or District Association, notwithstanding the fact that the player would not otherwise be eligible to be contracted by or to play cricket for such an Association under clauses 1 and 2 above if NZC determines in its sole and absolute discretion that the selection or contracting of such player is in the best interest of NZC or the game of cricket.

4. **DISTRICT ASSOCIATION HAWKE CUP CHALLENGE & ELIMINATION MATCHES**

4.1 A player shall be eligible to play in a Challenge or Elimination match if he is:

4.1.1 A New Zealand citizen, or New Zealand permanent resident, or a registered overseas player, and:

4.1.2 Qualifies to play for a District Association through playing all his current seasons' club cricket in that district; or

4.1.3 Has lived no less than 3 years in the District between the ages of 5 and 18 years.

4.2 No player shall represent more than one District Association in the same season without the express sanction of New Zealand Cricket in accordance with clause 7.

Overseas Players

4.3 An overseas player is a person who is not eligible to play for the BLACKCAPS and does not meet the New Zealand qualifying player criteria (ref. NZCPA Master Agreement)

4.4 All overseas players playing in District Association competitions must be registered with New Zealand Cricket by their District Association via the Major Association at least 10 working days prior to the first game in the that zone.

4.5 A District Association may play in a Hawke Cup Challenge or Elimination match, no more than one overseas player, provided that the registered overseas player must have played or is playing all of his current season's club cricket in that district.

- 4.6 An overseas player may become exempt from clauses 4.4 and 4.5 and may be classified as a local player (for Hawke Cup Elimination and Challenge matches only) if they have played club cricket for the previous 3 seasons within the same district. An eligibility request for such a player is required from the District Association via the Major Association to New Zealand Cricket at any time following the completion of the overseas player's third season of cricket within the district.

5. Loan Players

- 5.1 Each Hawke Cup Zone (the zones district) may implement a loan player scheme for Elimination Games only. No loan players to be eligible for Challenge matches. Each zone co-ordinator is required to be eligible for Challenge matches. Each zone co-ordinator is required to notify New Zealand Cricket via a Major Association of any loan player arrangements at least 10 working days prior to the first game in that zone. Each Zone is to administer the loan player scheme in their zone.

6. Dispensations and Disputes

- 6.1 Any request from a District Association for a dispensation from the above conditions must be lodged in writing in the first instance with the Districts' Major Association for support, before the Major Association will present on behalf of the District Association to New Zealand Cricket.
- 6.2 NZC shall have the power at any time to allow dispensation for any player to be contracted with or selected by a Districts Association, notwithstanding the fact that the player would not otherwise be eligible to be contracted by or play cricket for such an Association.
- 6.3 In any such situation NZC must determine the issue in its sole and absolute discretion and ensure the selection or contracting of such a player is in the best interests of NZC or the game of Cricket balancing the need to ensure a credible and fair Hawke Cup competition.
- 6.4 On any issue relating to eligibility, NZC (following written complaint by an interested association or, of its own motion) shall, in its sole and absolute discretion, investigate as it consider necessary and determine the position having regard to the criteria provided for in Clause 6.2.

7. Overriding discretion of NZC

- 7.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 herein and for the avoidance of doubt, NZC shall have the power at any time to allow any player to be contracted with or selected by a District Association, notwithstanding the fact that the player would not otherwise be eligible to be contracted by or to play cricket for such an Association under clause 1 above, if NZC determines in its

sole an absolute discretion that the selection or contracting of such a player is in the best interest of NZC or the game of Cricket.

- 7.2 Eligibility rules for District Association Challenge and Elimination matches will next be reviewed in advance of the 2018-2019 season.

All dispensation and registration requests should be emailed to New Zealand Cricket:

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