



## Home Office Immigration Rules for Cricket Overview Updated 12/12/2019



The following table is provided as general overview only. The ECB are not registered immigration officials therefore if you require specific immigration guidance you will need to contact UK Visas and Immigration Clubs wishing to use the services of a player who is not on a Tier 5 Creative & Sporting (Non FCC) visa, must ensure that the visa allows them to play and/or coach.

Visa/ Permit	First Class or Non-First Class Level (As designated by ECB)	Professional/ Amateur Status (As designated by Home Office)	Play	Coach (if suitably qualified and vetted)	Paid to Play	Paid to Coach	Notes
British passport holder	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
EU passport holder	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions (Current at time of issue)
Tier 1 (General/ Entrepreneur/ Exceptional Talent/Graduate Entrepreneur/Investors)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Prevented from Professional sport at any level including as a Coach
Tier 2 (General/ ICT/MOR)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Prevented from Professional sport at any level including as a Coach
Tier 4 (General)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Can play as an amateur, at an amateur club, if they are classified as an Amateur by the Home Office
Tier 5 (Religious Worker/ IA/GAE & Charity Worker)	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	Yes	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league.
Tier 5 (Creative & Sporting -Non First Class) Player/Coach	Non First Class	Professional	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can only play/coach for the main sponsor and undertake "Supplementary Employment"
Tier 5 (Creative & Sporting -Non First Class) Coach Only	Non First Class	Professional	yes	Yes	No	Yes	Can only coach for the main sponsor and undertake "Supplementary Employment" Can only play as an amateur, in a wholly amateur competition or league and only if they do not meet any element of the Professional Sportsperson definition.
Leave to Remain -Spouse/Accompanying Partner/ EEA Dependant (does not include Points Based System Dependents)	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
Ancestry Visa	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
Indefinite Leave to Remain (Settlement)	All	Either	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Restrictions
Standard Visitor Visa	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	No	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league.
Non Visa National	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	No	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league.
Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme	Non First Class	Amateur	Yes	No	No	No	Must be classified as an "Amateur" by the Home Office and can only play as an Amateur for a predominantly amateur club/ league. Can act as a coaching assistant (if suitable qualified and vetted) under direct supervision of a qualified coach. Can seek employment but not as a sportsperson or coach.

**Notes:**

\*Supplementary Employment (Home Office definition) -

an additional job in the same profession and at the same professional level as the work for which your Certificate of Sponsorship was assigned; and  
No more than 20 hours per week; and  
Outside of the normal working hours for which your Certificate of Sponsorship was assigned.  
In addition, you must continue to work for your sponsor in the job recorded on your Certificate of Sponsorship.

Professional Sportsperson (Home Office) -

A "Professional Sportsperson", is someone, whether paid or unpaid, who :

With effect for visas issued after the 10th January 2019.

1. is currently providing services as a sportsperson, playing or coaching in any capacity, at a professional or semi-professional level of sport;

Any visa issued prior to that date has to comply with the definition at that point.

2. is currently receiving payment, including payment in kind, for playing or coaching that is covering all, or the majority of, their costs for travelling to, and living in the UK, or who has done so within the previous four years;

3. is currently registered to a professional or semi-professional sports team, or who has been so registered within the previous four years. This includes all academy and development team age groups;

4. has represented their nation or national team within the previous two years, including all youth and development age groups from under 17's upwards;

5. has represented their represented their state or regional team within the previous two years, including all youth and development age groups from under 17's upwards;

6. has an established international reputation in their chosen field of sport;

7. engages an agent or representative, with the aim of finding opportunities as a sportsperson, and/or developing a current or future career as a sportsperson, or has engaged such an agent in the last 12 months; and/or

8. is providing services as a sportsperson or coach at any level of sport, unless they are doing so as an "Amateur" in a charity event."