



Wiltshire Cricket

Affiliated Club Recreational Game

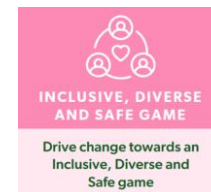
Call

January 2026

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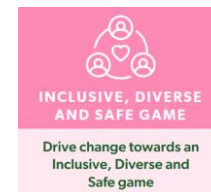
Purpose of the Calls:

- Bi-monthly calls for club leaders in recreational cricket
- Reminders
- Updates
- Guests
- Programmes and Initiatives
- Q and A opportunity



TODAY'S AGENDA

- 2026 Club Affiliation and introducing the Club Affiliation Toolkit
- Governing Body Endorsements
- Recreational Cricket Safety Guidelines
- Regulatory Updates
- Get Set Weekend 2026
- ECB County Grant Fund 2026
- County Disability Cricket Update
- National Programmes Update
- Competitions Update



2026 CLUB AFFILIATION AND CLUB AFFILIATION TOOLKIT

**Welcome to Jonaid Khan, ECB Clubs and
Leagues Affiliation Manager**



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Club Affiliation



Club Affiliation

Phase 1 (2026)

- Transition year focussing on strengthening clubs' understanding and acceptance of the T&Cs of affiliation and working towards meeting new requirements in 2027.

Phase 2 (2027>)

- Affiliation will be evidence-based, requiring clubs to demonstrate documented compliance to achieve accredited status.

Club Affiliation - 2026

Priority 1

- Support clubs to understand and accept the conditions of affiliation and fundamental standards
- New online system for capturing T&Cs signatures

Priority 2

- Prepare for 2027 affiliation requirements
- Utilise Club Affiliation Toolkit
- Tap in to support from Recreational Cricket Boards

Why are we introducing new affiliation requirements?

To elevate the standard of recreational cricket and ensure a positive, sustainable future for every club, we are introducing more structured affiliation requirements. This approach is designed to:

- **Make the game safer**
Through clearer safeguarding, health, and safety standards.
- **Improve the club experience**
By strengthening governance, planning, and operational practices.
- **Foster inclusivity**
Ensuring cricket is welcoming and accessible to all.
- **Raise Standards across the game**
Supporting clubs with tools, resources, and frameworks to thrive on and off the field.

Together, these steps will help build stronger, more resilient clubs and a better game for everyone.

Club Affiliation Toolkit



**Comprehensive
affiliation and T&Cs
guide for clubs**



**Quick, visual and
easy to read T&Cs
summary sheet**



**Printable affiliation
poster to display in
clubhouses**



**Affiliated club
membership book
insert template**



AGM Guide



**Committee Meetings
Guide**



**Club governance
checklist**



**Financial controls
checklist**



**Role descriptor
templates – key
officials**



**Comprehensive
guide on club
insurance**



**Club constitution &
articles template**



GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

Updates in relation to Recreational Cricket Safety and ECB Regulations



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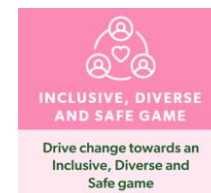


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RECREATIONAL CRICKET SAFETY GUIDELINES

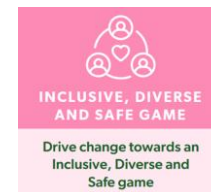
- The ECB hosts and provides updates on Recreational Cricket Safety Regulations and Guidelines via its website at the following link:
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/regulations/recreational-cricket>.
- The guidelines and regulations are designed to enhance the safety of all those involved in the recreational game, and consolidate the **requirements** relevant to things such as minimum fielding distances, player eligibility, personal protective equipment and fast bowling. New **recommendations** on first aid provision by clubs are also included.
- The Regulations came into force on 19 March 2025.



RECREATIONAL CRICKET SAFETY GUIDELINES

December 2025 Updates:

- All cricketers are strongly advised to wear neck protectors at all times that they are required or recommended to wear helmets.
- It is recommended that ball throwers and bowling machines are only operated by adults who are suitably experienced, competent, and familiar with their safe operation. Bowling machines and ball throwers should not be operated by U18s.
- New Safety Guidelines for Training Environments have been created. These cover:
 - Safe set up and operation of net facilities
 - Operation of bowling machines
 - Use of ball throwers



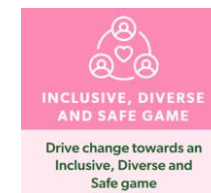
REGULATORY UPDATES

Why are the ECB General Conduct Regulations (and Recreational Conduct Regulations) important?

- The purpose of the General Conduct Regulations (the “Regulations”) is to set consistent standards of conduct and behaviour and provide a single set of regulations which can be applied consistently at the top end of recreational cricket. This will ensure that disciplinary matters are dealt with in a fair, efficient and consistent manner by cricket organisations.
- All of the competitions and cricket played under the auspices of both the ECB and Wiltshire Cricket are subject to the General Conduct Regulations.

2026 Updates:

- ECB General Conduct Regulations and Recreational Conduct Regulations
- ECB Disparity Policy



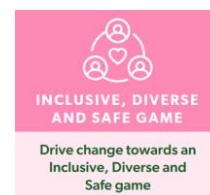


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GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENTS

- Following a review of safeguarding policies, with immediate effect, all new applications for a Governing Body Endorsement will require a Police Clearance Certificate valid from within 90 days of the applicant's planned arrival in the UK. A GBE will not be issued without this.
- It is the club's responsibility to ensure that all individuals engaged in regulated activity possess the necessary qualifications for their role, in accordance with the Safe Hands policy.
- For example, if an overseas Coach/Player is scheduled to arrive in the UK on 1 May 2026, they must provide a police certificate dated no earlier than 31 January 2026. If for any reason the applicant can no longer fulfil the role, it is the responsibility of the sponsor to inform the Home Office.



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28-29 March 2026

MARCH

28-29

SAVE THE DATE



COUNTY GRANTS FUND



ECB COUNTY GRANT FUND 2026

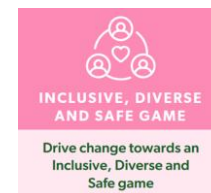
LAUNCHING READY FOR 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

- The County Grants Fund aims to support ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs, which are actively engaged with **women's cricket, girls' cricket** and/or **disability cricket**, to create welcoming environments or to provide enhanced playing or changing facilities, in an effort to increase the number of women's, girls' and disability cricket teams, and to achieve the game's vision to become the most inclusive team sport (Inspiring Generations 2025 – 2028)

Eligibility:

Clubs must deliver cricket for at least one of the following target groups:

- Women's Cricket / Girls' Only Cricket / Girls' Only Dynamos Cricket / Dynamos Cricket for Girls' Activation Clubs / Disability Cricket



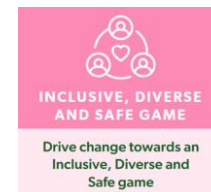
ECB COUNTY GRANT FUND 2026

Potential Projects:

1. Creating Welcoming Environments
2. Enhanced Playing Facilities
3. Enhanced Changing Facilities

Changes from 2025:

- Greater focus on target groups, aligned to Women's World Cup in England in 2026
- Increase in top grant award to £15,000 per club
- Tackling Climate Change theme removed – may be replaced by a new and separate fund at a later date



WILTSHIRE CRICKET COMPETITIONS UPDATE

**Lisa Farr, Wiltshire Cricket Leagues and
Competitions Development Officer**



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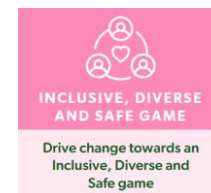
WILTSHIRE CRICKET COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Wiltshire Youth Cricket League:

- 30 Clubs have entered (same as 2025)
- 149 teams entered across 11 leagues – increase of 25 teams from 2025
- Introduction of Under 10 and Under 17 leagues

Under 19 T20 Competition:

- 13 teams entered
- Consultation to take place with clubs for preferred formats/groupings



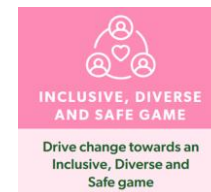
WILTSHIRE CRICKET COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Vitality Cup Competitions:

- Currently 15 teams for Under 13, 12 teams for Under 15
- Deadline for entry 23rd January 2026
- Draw will take place w/k commencing 26th January
- Slight increase in entry fee to £25 per team

Under 9s Festivals:

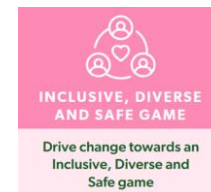
- Entries opened on Monday 5th January
- Deadline for entries Friday 6th February
- Clubs asked for interest in Under 7/8s Festival



WILTSHIRE CRICKET COMPETITIONS UPDATE

Wiltshire Wallop:

- Entries received from:
 - Avebury, Biddestone, Burbage & Easton Royal, Chippenham, Corsham, Hinton Charterhouse, Marshfield, Potterne, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Westbury & District, Winsley
- Deadline for entry Friday 6th February
- Slight increase in entry fee to £55 per team
- Finals Day at Corsham on Sunday 23rd August



COUNTY DISABILITY CRICKET UPDATE

**Josh May, Wiltshire Cricket Disability
Development Officer**



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DISABILITY CRICKET: WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR?

School Delivery:

- Softball Cricket
- Table Cricket
- 2024-2025 – 684 participants & 186 sessions delivered.

Super 1's:

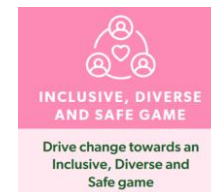
- 4 Super 1's Hubs (Salisbury, Westbury, Chippenham, Swindon)
- 157 sessions delivered

Disability Champion Clubs:

- 2024-2025 - 7 clubs

Super 9's:

- New for 2026
- Training sessions at Calne Leisure Centre (Sunday 11th – 15th March)



SUPER 9s:

What is it?

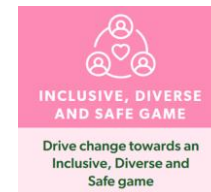
- Super 9's is the next step up from super 1's.
- It is competitive softball cricket for anyone with SEND.

When:

- Training sessions are taking place from the 11th Jan – 15th March at Calne Leisure Centre.

Aim 2026:

- Play competitive games against neighboring counties.



SUPER 9s: WE NEED YOUR HELP

- Do you know anyone that could benefit from Super 9's?
- Anyone with SEND can participate.

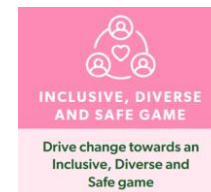
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Wiltshire Cricket Disability Website:

<https://www.wiltshirecricket.co.uk/disability/super-9-s.html>



NATIONAL PROGRAMMES UPDATE

**Aled Evans, Wiltshire Cricket Community
Development Officer**



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2026 Launch Dates

Clubspark system will not be closed for any significant period

29th Jan:
Club Kick-Off
Virtual Meeting

1st – 12th Mar:
Club-Led Priority
Window

19th Mar:
National
Launch

8th May:
Club delivery
commences



February:
Club Administration, Programme
Set-Up & Activator Compliance
RCBs Approve

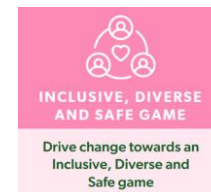
12th – 19th Mar:
National Priority
Window

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES: CLUBSPARK ADMIN

All Clubs running National Programmes must add:

- Key Club contact
- First Aid Certificate of Lead activator
- Club Safeguarding Officer Certificate
- Liability Insurance Documents
- Register Club to run NP

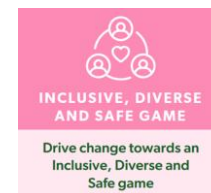
**This can be done as soon as you like, do not need to wait until 29th January*



NATIONAL PROGRAMMES: ACTIVATOR TRAINING

- **The Dome, Chippenham Sports Club – Sunday 1st March, 3:30pm-6:00pm**
- **Collingbourne CC – Monday 30th March, 6:00pm-8:30pm**
- **Swindon CC – Tuesday 31st March, 6:00pm-8:30pm**

Activator training will be necessary for all new activators – can be booked via Clubspark



Q AND A OPPORTUNITY



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