



Administrative Regulation 2025

Valid for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Preamble:

The paramount consideration of the eligibility rules is that a player can play cricket at the Club of his choosing (subject to all relevant eligibility criteria being satisfied). However, this consideration shall not apply to situations where a club or a particular club side opts to play in a lower league only of its own volition (excluding a club side that is relegated under the relevant competition regulations or by decision of the Munster Cricket Union (MCU) board or the MCU Operations Committee) or in situations where a club side that would normally be promoted under the relevant competition regulations does not agree to or accept promotion. In such cases, the MCU Operations Committee retains the right to grade players solely on their ability.

Jurisdiction & Competency

- Operations Committee shall have complete jurisdiction to implement these rules.
- These eligibility rules shall apply to all competitive fixtures run under the auspices of the MCU.
- The Operations Committee may, in exceptional circumstances, set any eligibility rules aside for good and proper reasons unforeseen by these regulations.
- Decisions taken by the MCU Operations Committee concerning player eligibility issues will be binding, subject to the appeals' procedures as outlined below.

Registration Deadlines

- .Registration will be through the Sport80 Platform. For eligibility for season commencement players must be registered by 15/04/2025. Valid registrations on such club lists will run until 31 December each year.

- New players, i.e. additions to a club's list of registered players after the initial deadline, must be registered with the Operations Committee in writing or email and via the Sport80 system by 11:59pm on the Tuesday before their first match for the Club.
- All such valid additional registrations to club lists will run until 31 December each year.

Registration Procedures

- It is a club's responsibility to ensure that any individual player agrees to be registered for that Club and that the player is informed of such registration.
- Club must give an accurate assessment of the level of ability of all players registered to the clubs. The club must grade the player either S(Senior), J(Junior), MA or MB (Minor). They must also indicate the likely XI (determined by their standard within the Club) that the player will play for (i.e. 1st team, 2nd team, etc.)
- Players under the age of 18 (as of 1st September of the previous calendar year) must be registered on Sport80 to play in any competitions including youth competitions.
- The Operations Committee may (in consultation with the Participation & Pathways Committee and the MCUSA) accept, vary, or refuse registration for good and proper reasons covered by the Playing Regulations or these regulations.

Competition Eligibility

Premier Division & Premier T20

Open to any player (Senior,graded or lower) born on or after the first of September 2014 duly and properly registered in accordance with the eligibility and registration guidelines above, unless otherwise prohibited by the Operations Committee.

MCU Division 1 & Division 1 T20

Open to any player (Junior,graded or lower) born on or after the first of September 2014 , duly and properly registered in accordance with the eligibility and registration guidelines above, unless otherwise prohibited by the Operations Committee or Disciplinary Committee.

MCU Division 2A & 2B & Division 2T20

Open to all Minor graded players, born on or after the first of September 2014 , duly and properly registered in accordance with the eligibility and registration guidelines above, unless otherwise prohibited by the Operations Committee.

MCU Division 3A & 3B & Division 3T20

Open to all Minor B graded players, born on or after the first of September 2014 , duly and properly registered in accordance with the eligibility and registration guidelines above, unless otherwise prohibited by the Operations Committee

General

Where the express written permission of the Operations Committee is required for a particular player to be eligible to play in any MCU competition(s), it is the responsibility of the particular player's Club to apply in writing no later than seven calendar days after registration to the MCU Operations officer via email to operations@munstercricket.ie for such permission.

The MCU Operations Officer & Operations Committee shall communicate its decision on such an application in writing to the applicant club within seven calendar days of receiving the application.

A player may play for only one Club in any Senior, Junior or Minor Cup competitions in the current playing season. For the avoidance of doubt appearing on a team sheet where a toss has occurred is deemed to have played in that game.

A player under the age of seventeen may play with another club in a youth peer to peer competition provided that the players club does not have a team in the peer to peer competition.

The club who is requiring the player must inform operations of the request of the player playing in the peer to peer competition.

Number of Club Teams in MCU Competitions

The MCU Operations Committee may consider the entry of a second club team in any one competition, provided the Club can show:

- Justifiable reasons to do so and
- That there is no overlap of players between the teams

Number of Clubs with which any one Player may be registered

- Except by express written permission, in advance, from the Operations Committee, players may not be registered simultaneously for more than one Club or play for another club in competitions regulated by the MCU in the current playing season.
- A player wishing to be permitted to register simultaneously for more than one Club must apply in writing to the MCU Operations Committee via email to operations@munstercricket.ie for such permission.
- The MCU Cricket Operations Committee shall communicate its decision on such an application in email to the applicant player within seven calendar days of the receipt of such application
- Should a player register with a second e-mail address to register with a different club while currently registered to an existing club may face disciplinary actions from the Operations Committee

Procedure for Transfer of a Player's Registration

- No transfers will be permitted after 31/07/2025 either within or outside the Province.

When a club wishes to register a player who is registered for another club during the playing season (i.e. seeks approval for a player transfer), it shall complete the relevant transfer form on the Munster Cricket website, including details of their request and pay the relevant administration fee of €10.

The Cricket Operations Committee shall forthwith request the Club holding the player's current registration, within a period of seven calendar days, to respond either:-

- confirming in writing, by email, that the Club is agreeable to the release of the player
- Listing the reasons in writing, by email, the reasons why they wish to refuse permission to release the player
- Such permission may not reasonably be refused by the club currently holding the player's registration. In a dispute the Cricket Operations Committee will, after a period of seven calendar days, either decline or accept the registration for good and proper reasons.
- Permission, once given by the MCU Operations Committee, shall finalise the transfer of the player's registration from the player's former club to the player's new club. However, the transferring player may not participate in matches on the weekend following his transfer unless the Cricket Operations Committee finalised the transfer in advance of 11:59pm on the Tuesday of that particular week.

Penalties & Appeals Procedures

▪The Cricket Operations Committee may impose any, some, or all of the following penalties for the transgression of these rules:-

- Issue a warning or reprimand
- Order a replay of the game
- Award the match to the non-offending team
- Award the non-offending team league 'win' points plus maximum bonus points
- Expel the offending team from the competition
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- Fine the offending club
- Impose a suspension of the offending team.
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- Recommend (to the MCU Board) expulsion of Club from the MCU

Where a team has been found to have infringed the Eligibility Rules, the MCU Operations Committee will notify in writing the Captain of the offending team of the infringement and of the consequent penalty to be imposed.

Decisions of the MCU Operations Committee in relation to eligibility may be appealed. Notice of appeal, including the grounds for making the appeal, must be submitted in writing to operations@munstercricket.ie no later than seven calendar days of the receipt of

- the notification of infringement or
- the notification of a ruling on eligibility
- In response to such a notice of appeal, the MCU Board shall, within seven calendar days of the receipt of a notice of appeal, convene an Appeals Panel to hear such an appeal. The MCU Board shall select three individuals to constitute the Appeals Panel.
- The Appeals Panel shall hear an appeal and shall communicate its decision on the appeal in writing no later than seven calendar days after the notice of appeal has been received to both the appellant club and the MCU Board.
- The Appeals Panel's decision on an appeal arising shall be final and binding.

Regulation 2 – Player Grading

Following the end of the initial registration period (15/04/2025), All clubs will be asked for a minimum of six players to be graded at Premier, Division 1 and Division 2.

- The Operations Committee has the right to add other players that they deem to be of sufficient standard to be graded (Over and above the six.).
- The operations committee will approve all player gradings.
- The operations committee has the right to revoke the players' grading.
- Player grading will be reviewed after the season's first two weeks and every subsequent third week.

If a player has played half of the games plus one in a particular Division after the fourth game that player cannot drop more than one division until such time that the player is below the threshold. This is inclusive of T20 competitions.

A week is deemed to begin on a Monday and finish the following Monday.

Grading lists will be prepared in line with the agreed grading criteria which are set out below:-

- **The primary level at which the player in question plays** - where a club has more than one team, which team within the club does the player play the greatest volume of games for - e.g. a player in a club who plays three Premier Division games and eight Division 1 games in a season would have his primary level classified as Junior (Division 1)
 - **. Player performance at the player's primary level** - statistical metrics such as volume of runs scored, volume of wickets taken are taken into consideration at the player's primary level. So for a Junior graded player, performance in Division 1, MCU Junior Cup and MCU Junior T20 Blast would be considered. Factors such as match format (T20 v limited overs) and opposition level are also considered. T20 and limited overs gradings will not be separated for 2024.
 - **Player performance above the player's primary level** - statistical metrics such as volume of runs scored, volume of wickets are taken into consideration above the player's primary level. So for a Junior graded player, performance in Premier Division, MCU Senior Cup and MCU Senior T20 Blast would be considered. Factors such as match format (T20 v limited overs) and opposition level are also considered.
 - **Extenuating circumstances** - these include selection for representative teams (it is the view of the Operations Committee that selection for the Munster Heat merits Junior grading), age (U16 players will not be typically graded above Junior), and a situation where a club has only one team.
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- The consolidated grading list of all players will be sent to each club, in writing via e-mail, no later than seven calendar days after the initial registration deadline.
 - A club may appeal the decision of the Cricket Operations Committee in relation to the grade assigned to a particular player(s). Clubs wishing to appeal must lodge their appeal, together with supporting evidence, in writing to operations@munstercricket.ie no later than seven calendar days after the grading lists have been sent to clubs.

- The MCU Operations Officer Len Browne will forward appeals to the MCU Board who shall have seven calendar days to respond, in writing, to the relevant club. Decisions of the MCU Board are final and are not subject to appeal.
- Grading lists issued to clubs shall remain active until new lists are issued by the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee shall issue new grading lists after the first two weeks and every subsequent third week. A club may appeal the decision of the Operations Committee in relation to the grade assigned to a particular player(s). Clubs wishing to appeal must lodge their appeal, together with supporting evidence, in writing or email to operations@munstercricket.ie no later than seven calendar days after the grading lists have been sent to clubs.
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Regulation 3 – Result Cards

Submission of result cards

It is the responsibility of the captain of the winning team to ensure that result cards are:

- Completed in full, providing each player's first, second and subsequent names as they appear on each player's registration form on the Sport80 platform.
- Full Name Capitals etc
- Entered in full on the NVPlay system no later than 11:59pm on the Tuesday following a weekend fixture and no later than 48 hours after the scheduled start time of a mid-week fixture.
- Where a match is postponed, or abandoned without a result, the result card must still be returned on NVPlay by the home captain indicating the circumstances of the postponement/abandonment etc.
- A game will not have been deemed played or started unless a toss has been made and at the ground on the day of the game.
- A time stamped DLS sheet must also be presented and an image sent to operations
- The consequence of a failure to return a result card shall be that no points shall be awarded to either side. However, the losing side have the option to claim their share of the points if their captain submits the result card within the specified deadline.

- Home team captains will have to submit an on-line game summary form that will contain the following information
 - Home Team
 - Away Team
 - Venue
 - Date
 - Umpires
 - Division
 - Umpire's Standing
 - Result
- Images of team sheets will also need to be submitted on the same form.
- Image of DLS sheet time stamped, for Premier competitions, there will be an image of a printed DLS sheet, for other subsequent competitions a digital image will be sufficient.

Regulation 4 – Reporting of Regulation breaches

- A club wishing to make a report relating to an alleged breach of Competition or Administrative regulations must do so via email to operations@munstercricket.ie no later than seventy two hours after the scheduled start time of the match in question. Reports submitted outside that time frame will not be considered.
- The Operations Committee will consider all reports submitted and reserve the right to seek additional reports from match officials, clubs, players or spectators.
- The Operations Committee will respond to all parties involved no later than fourteen days after the receipt of the report.
- A club may appeal the decision of the Operations Committee in relation to an alleged breach of regulations. Clubs wishing to appeal must lodge their appeal, in writing to operations@munstercricket.ie no later than seven calendar days after the receipt of the Operations Committee's written decision.
- The MCU Operations Officer will forward appeals to the MCU Board who shall have seven calendar days to respond, by email to the relevant club. Decisions of the MCU Board are final and are not subject to appeal.

Regulation 5 – Recording & Archiving of Decisions

- The current MCU Operations Committee Chairman shall be responsible for maintaining and updating an archive of all such decisions.
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