

PLAYER GENDER ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS



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1 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Regulations:

Anti-Doping Regulations means the ECB's Anti-Doping Rules as amended and in force from time to time.

Disparity Regulations means the ECB's Disparity Regulations as in force and amended from time to time.

ECB means the England and Wales Cricket Board Limited.

ECB Regulations means any ECB's rules, regulations, playing conditions and codes as published and in force and amended from time to time.

Effective Date means 2 May 2025.

England Women's Pathway means matches played by the England Women U19 and/or England Women A teams.

Female Only Cricket means any cricket competition, league or match which takes place in England and Wales which only female players are permitted to compete in.

ICC means the International Cricket Council.

Open Cricket means any cricket competition, league or match which takes place in England and Wales which any individual is eligible to compete in without any restriction relating to sex or gender identity.

2 SCOPE

- 2.1 These Regulations govern eligibility to participate in matches at any level of cricket in England and Wales. The eligibility criteria set out in these Regulations may be adopted in relation to participation in training or informal cricket but failure to do so will not be considered a breach of these Regulations.
- 2.2 These Regulations do not apply to international competitions sanctioned and run by the ICC, including those participated in by the England Women's Pathway, which are governed by the ICC's Player Eligibility Regulations.
- 2.3 These Regulations establish eligibility rules for cricket but individual participation remains subject to compliance with other ECB Regulations (including the Anti-Doping Regulations and the Disparity Regulations).
- 2.4 If the ECB and/or Cricket Regulator receives information (whether from third parties or otherwise) which calls into question whether somebody is eligible to participate in any competitions organised by the ECB, appropriate investigations may be undertaken to determine their eligibility and/or whether there has been a breach of these Regulations.
- 2.5 These Regulations will come into full force and effect on the Effective Date.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Only individuals who were assigned female at birth can participate in Female Only Cricket.
- 3.2 Open Cricket is open to all people.