

Guidance on transfers from the Hon. Secretary

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PLAYER TRANSFERS – 2014

NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORE TRANSFERS ALLOWED AFTER 30th JUNE - other than those where the process has already been started.

Transfer of players:

The current policy is shown below. It must be stressed that if the player involved has played any game in the current season for a team in another league, that league's agreement needs to be obtained in addition to the agreement of the club from whom he is transferring. If the player being transferred will be playing at a level requiring Play Cricket registration of players, then the process outlined here MUST be completed first and approval gained from the league's Hon. Secretary to proceed to registration.

Clubs are reminded of the provisions of paragraph 12.0 of Appendix A.

12.0 An individual must be a bona fide member of the Club for whom he plays and no individual may play for more than one league Club in Sussex (to include all competitions organised by that league) in any season unless a transfer is agreed between all leagues involved in that transfer. Players can only make one transfer a season and no transfers will be allowed after 30th June each year. Further, no player who has played in a competitive match for any Premier League Club can play in the League except for that particular club. NOTE: For further information about which clubs are on the ECB's Premier League list, refer to the PBSESCL Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Sec. has been given authority to act on behalf of the Committee and is prepared to deal with such requests on the phone or by email. The onus is on the 'new' club and before approaching the Hon. Sec. they should contact the 'old' club (and, if appropriate the other league) to ascertain if they have any objection to the 'Transfer' and if so the reason and also whether there are any complaints about the player's behaviour (including failure to pay subscription and/or match fees) All such contacts with this league and with the other club/league should be from the receiving club's Hon. Secretary or Chairman on behalf of the committee of that club. A memorandum setting out the guidelines was circulated with the minutes of the Committee meeting of May 2nd 2002, and is printed below for your convenience.

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1. In common with most, if not all Leagues our regulations provide that no person may play for more than one club without the consent of the Committee and it was felt that the Committee should lay down guidelines as to the procedure to be adopted if permission is sought under this requirement.

2. The Committee wishes to keep this as simple as possible and therefore any request can be made either in writing, email or by phone.
3. However any such request must be made by a CLUB and not by an individual. Contact between clubs must be either between the clubs' secretaries or their chairmen. Before getting in touch with me the "new" club must first contact the "old" club to ascertain whether they have any objection and if so what it is. This also applies to any former league involved.
4. The "new" club should then approach me with the relevant details e.g. name of player, approximate age, his ability, the number of games played and reason for the proposed move; also that he is not leaving his former club by reason of misbehaviour or because he has failed to fulfil his obligations (e.g. not paying his sub) .
5. I am authorised by the Committee to deal with any such request on their behalf; if there seems to me to be no reason to refuse the request I will give the necessary approval but if there is any doubt I would refer it to the Chairman.
6. Factors to be taken into consideration will be the reasons for the player's proposed move, the number of games played and the number of games left (i.e. the more games played and the less games left the less likely a change of clubs will be approved), the respective divisions of the two clubs and their positions (e.g. it is more likely a change will be approved if the two clubs are in different divisions and also if promotion or relegation is not affected).
7. Each request will be decided on the individual facts of the case but examples where approval will be readily given are
 - a. moving house or change in work arrangements
 - b. player who is not playing regularly especially a junior.
8. Examples when permission is likely to be refused are
 - a. "star" players especially in the latter part of the season or there is an element of "pot hunting"
 - b. where a player is leaving his former club by reason of any form of misconduct or failure to meet his financial obligations
 - c. where there appears to be any form of "poaching" by the requesting clubs.
9. It is incumbent on clubs to be open and honest as I am sure they all are with each other and normally a decision will be made on the information supplied by the "new" club. Any misstatement would be considered to be a serious breach of their obligations to the League.

Kenneth Jeffery, Hon. Sec.
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