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L&RCL Overseas Amateur Player Declaration

Inviting players over to play cricket for the season is an <u>immigration issue</u>. The Home Office will take any investigation on its contextual merits.

Clubs should NOT be inviting players, who are technically visitors, over for the season specifically to play cricket**. Clubs are wholly responsible** for ensuring overseas players who play for them during the cricket season are entitled to play club cricket in the United Kingdom.

Club Declaration

Club Name ………………………………………………………………………………….
Full Player Name ………………………………………………………………………………….
Country of Origin ………………………………………………………………………………….
Passport Number ………………………………………………………………………………….
Visa Type ………………………………………………………………………………….

☐   We are planning to register an amateur non-UK resident player during the current season

☐   We are satisfied that playing cricket is an incidental reason for the player coming to the UK and we only expect the player to play in ……………….. league games.

☐   We are sure that the player has paid for their own travel to the UK and that the player will be paying for their own board and lodging whilst in the UK.

☐   We are sure that the player has not received payment (including payment in kind) anywhere in the world for playing or coaching cricket at any time during the last 4 years.

☐   We are sure that the player has not represented their national, their state, or their regional team (including all youth and development age group from U17 upwards) in the last two years.

☐   We are sure that the player has not engaged an agent or representative with the aim of finding opportunities to play or coach cricket within the last 12 months.

☐   We have read and understand the "Overseas players and the Home Office Immigration Rules" document and have been made aware of the consequence of any breech of these rules.

The boxes **ABOVE** must be ticked

☐   We have contacted the Home Office and have verbal authorisation

☐   Any other information: _____
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Statement by the Club

We hereby certify that we have verified and are completely satisfied that all relevant external regulations have been complied with by both the player and the club, and we confirm that he/she is legally entitled to be in the UK and able to be registered to play cricket on an amateur basis for our club.

We also certify that the above details are correct and that the player has been made aware and fully understands that he is bound by the League's rules, regulations and disciplinary procedures, and that he agrees to abide by the ECB Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket.

We hereby give our unconditional confirmation that this player has not already received, and will not receive in the future, any remuneration, payment, expenses (other than those allowable by Home Office and HMRC regulations) or benefit in kind from our Club, or from any third party, benefactor, sponsor or any other source.

We understand that the League Management Committee has the right under League rules to require the production for inspection of ANY books or records that it may reasonably wish to view which it believes to be relevant to any matter or dispute that has to be properly considered or investigated, and in signing this form the club acknowledge this right and confirm they will cooperate fully with any requests made.

Signed: …………………………………………………. (Chair)   …………………… (Date)

Signed: ………………………………………………….. (Secretary)   …………………… (Date)

Witness Signature: …………………….……….……… (Occupation)…..............   ………..………….. (Date)

Please complete and return this form to Mark Ward – Overseas Player Administrator, email:mark@landrcl.net (Park Farm, Thorpe Langton, Leics, LE16 7TT)

The L&RCL stance will be: Do NOT Take the Risk.

In the event of any dispute or query, there is a Home Office Immigration Enquiry Bureau – telephone **0300 1234699** (call early and there is a charge) – who will offer informal advice. We understand this advice is verbal and not binding and the recommendation is that Clubs should not be spending time trying to adapt Home Office rules to suit their own ends.
Please forward this form along with the declaration to the league. Clubs should keep a copy of this form for their own reference.