

4. DISTRICT ASSOCIATION HAWKE CUP CHALLENGE & ELIMINATION MATCHES

- 4.1 A player shall be eligible to play in a Challenge or Elimination match if he is:
- 4.1.1 A New Zealand citizen, or New Zealand permanent resident, or a registered overseas player, and:
 - 4.1.2 Qualifies to play for a District Association through playing all his current seasons' club cricket in that district; or
 - 4.1.3 Has lived no less than 3 years in the District between the ages of 5 and 18 years.
- 4.2 No player shall represent more than one District Association in the same season without the express sanction of New Zealand Cricket in accordance with clause 7.

Overseas Players

- 4.3 An overseas player is a person who is not eligible to play for the BLACKCAPS and does not meet the New Zealand qualifying player criteria (ref. NZCPA Master Agreement)
- 4.4 All overseas players playing in District Association competitions must be registered with New Zealand Cricket by their District Association via the Major Association at least 10 working days prior to the first game in the that zone.
- 4.5 A District Association may play in a Hawke Cup Challenge or Elimination match, no more than one overseas player, provided that the registered overseas player must have played or is playing all of his current season's club cricket in that district.
- 4.6 An overseas player may become exempt from clauses 4.4 and 4.5 and may be classified as a local player (for Hawke Cup Elimination and Challenge matches only) if they have played club cricket for the previous 3 seasons within the same district. An eligibility request for such a player is required from the District Association via the Major Association to New Zealand Cricket at any time following the completion of the overseas player's third season of cricket within the district.

5. Loan Players

- 5.1 Each Hawke Cup Zone (the zones district) may implement a loan player scheme for Elimination Games only. No loan players to be eligible for Challenge matches. Each zone co-ordinator is required to be eligible for Challenge matches. Each zone co-ordinator is required to notify New Zealand Cricket via a Major Association of any loan player arrangements at least 10 working days prior to the first game in that zone. Each Zone is to administer the loan player scheme in their zone.

6. Dispensations and Disputes

- 6.1 Any request from a District Association for a dispensation from the above conditions must be lodged in writing in the first instance with the Districts' Major Association for support, before the Major Association will present on behalf of the District Association to New Zealand Cricket.
- 6.2 NZC shall have the power at any time to allow dispensation for any player to be contracted with or selected by a Districts Association, notwithstanding the fact that the player would not otherwise be eligible to be contracted by or play cricket for such an Association.
- 6.3 In any such situation NZC must determine the issue in its sole and absolute discretion and ensure the selection or contracting of such a player is in the best interests of NZC or the game of Cricket balancing the need to ensure a credible and fair Hawke Cup competition.
- 6.4 On any issue relating to eligibility, NZC (following written complaint by an interested association or, of its own motion) shall, in its sole and absolute discretion, investigate as it consider necessary and determine the position having regard to the criteria provided for in Clause 6.2.

7. Overriding discretion of NZC

- 7.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 herein and for the avoidance of doubt, NZC shall have the power at any time to allow any player to be contracted with or selected by a District Association, notwithstanding the fact that the player would not otherwise be eligible to be contracted by or to play cricket for such an Association under clause 1 above, if NZC determines in its sole an absolute discretion that the selection or contracting of such a player is in the best interest of NZC or the game of Cricket.
- 7.2 Eligibility rules for District Association Challenge and Elimination matches will next be reviewed in advance of the 2018-2019 season.

All dispensation and registration requests should be emailed to New Zealand Cricket:

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