



## ECB Accredited Club Pilot Programme 2026

### Is your club eligible?

- You do not hold Clubmark (2022–2025)
- You are affiliated to your RCB
- You have signed the new T&Cs
- You are committed to Governance, Safeguarding & Operations

### What are the timescales?

#### Actions

Express interest to your RCB  
Submit evidence via Accreditation Portal  
ECB assessment  
Certificates issued

#### Key dates / Deadlines

31 March 2026  
24 April 2026  
May - June 2026  
July 2026 onwards

### What you need to evidence

#### Governance

- Open constitution adopting ECB regulations
- Signed [Safeguarding Policy Statement](#)
- Committee structure (Chair, Sec, Treasurer, CSO)
- AGM minutes (last 12 months)
- Club bank statement

#### Evidenced by

Upload to portal   
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#### Safeguarding

- SHMS fully onboarded with key roles added
- Club Safeguarding Officer with valid DBS & qualification
- Captains, coaches, managers all DBS checked & cleared

SHMS   
SHMS compliance   
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#### Operations

- [Club Insurance](#) - Public & Employers' Liability
- At least 1 active playing offer (based on last completed season)

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Play Cricket data

### Why take part?

- Recognition as a safe, well-run club
- Early accredited status – valid for 3 years
- Access to funding, overseas player sponsorship, Premier League pathways\*
- Help shape the future of accreditation

### Need help?

Check out the [Club Affiliation Toolkit](#) for useful resources and templates. You can also contact your Recreational Cricket Board (RCB) or email [club-accreditation@ecb.co.uk](mailto:club-accreditation@ecb.co.uk)

\*May be subject to additional requirements