

Lower XV Team Entry Criteria

The following team entry criteria is applicable to clubs within CBs that are permitted to join the English Club Championship.

1. Subject to [Regulation 13 Appendix 4](#), Lower XV teams may be admitted to Level 7 (or below) of the English Clubs Championship (ECC) if they meet the criteria set out below. These criteria take precedence over and supersede any existing criteria in place in relation to Lower XV teams.
2. Clubs must apply to their respective Organising Committee (OC) for consideration of Lower XV teams to be admitted into the ECC in such form as prescribed by the OC during the entry application window (28th February – 18th March).
 - (a) Applications must include evidence to meet the following criteria:
 - a. Having a 1st XV already playing in the ECC Leagues, but not at the lowest league level locally.
 - b. Sufficient evidence in the opinion of the OC that demonstrates a consistent ability to fulfil fixture commitments over the previous two playing seasons. As a minimum standard the evidence will consist of:
 - i. 15 games played for the most recent season
 - ii. The date, venue and result of each match
 - iii. Matches played on the same day as the higher team i.e. 1st XV team
 - iv. Consideration will also be given to matches that have been postponed [or not fulfilled] where there is compelling evidence that the cancellation was made by the opponents or due to Covid-19 related reasons.
 - v. Only fixtures entered into GMS will count as evidence