Play Cricket – Schools Information Guide

Introduction
Play-Cricket is the ECB's on-line cricket network for all Schools, Clubs, Leagues, Cup Competitions and County Boards. It is the official source of all information and statistics on club cricket for all cricketers and supporters.

The system provides schools, clubs and leagues with purpose built cricket software which publishes a website to help manage your school's cricket fixtures and player's statistics on-line. The system is free to all schools, clubs and leagues and it is easy to use.

If your school is playing in any fixtures then a Play-Cricket site will enable you to input your results and scorecards, keep track of your progress in competitions, generate averages and detailed statistics for your players, and enable those statistics to be linked to the records of those players elsewhere (clubs, County Boards).

How do I get a site?

1. **Register as a Play Cricket User (if you are not already)**

If you don't already have a login, then you should go to the main Play-Cricket site (www.play-cricket.com), and click on the 'Sign-up' button on the top right corner of the page. Fill in the necessary details and await confirmation via an email.

2. **Contact playcricket@ecb.co.uk and ask to have a site set up with your schools details.**

If you wish to set up a site, firstly you need to contact the Play-Cricket helpdesk at playcricket@ecb.co.uk, and give details of the school. This will enable ECB to add an entry to the Play-Cricket directory for the school. This entry can then be claimed; for schools this should be done by a senior member of staff. Responsibility can be devolved to other people once the site is active, but overall control should remain in the hands of a responsible adult.

3. **Claim your site via www.Play-cricket.com**

Firstly you must login to Play-Cricket using your user name and password.

On the main Play-Cricket page (www.play-cricket.com), in the Directory Search section on the left-hand side, select a 'Apply for your site'.

Type in the name of your school and press search; select 'Choose' box next to it and then the Pick button, and follow the instructions from there. Please fill in all, or as many, fields as you can; **in particular enter both addresses required, 'office' and personal, your position within the organisation, and set up all the teams that you are currently running, or may have run, as this will enable us to link up any games involving your teams that other people may already have entered**. Once you have done this, we will then be able to activate your site for you.

What do I do once I have a site?

Once your school site is live then now is the time to start using it effectively and entering the data for the season. You may wish to use this across the school or just for the 1st Team but either way you need to populate the teams in your school that you wish to enter data for. Next steps are:

1. Register all of your school teams or a selected team of your choice.
2. Register all of your school players for those particular teams.
3. Upload schools fixtures

Remember, some players and other schools may already have profiles so make sure you use the search button to check for this information.