



# PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The Slam is designed primarily to offer more cricket for more people and as such the Women's Slam is deliberately pitched to be more akin to an entry-level competition for hard ball cricket in Hampshire.

To ensure that the appropriate standard of player is participating in each element of The Slam there are clear rules in place that decree an individual's eligibility based upon the level of WEEKEND league cricket they play. In order to correctly assess this, it is vital that clubs use a SINGLE identity for each player on PlayCricket, even if that player is a member of multiple clubs. Where a concern is raised against the eligibility of a player, if their main PlayCricket ID is not utilised, it will not aid the team's case when assessing any possible rule infringement.



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The eligibility levels for the Hampshire Slam Women's competition is as follows:

PLAYER LEVEL	BATTING	BOWLING
Selected for Senior Regional Centre of Excellence	Ineligible	Ineligible
Selected for Senior County Cricket	Ineligible	Ineligible
Played in Women's Cricket Southern League	Ineligible	Ineligible
Played in Hampshire Women's League Div. 1	Ineligible	Ineligible
Selected for U18 County Cricket	No higher than 6	No earlier than 11 <sup>th</sup> over
Played in Hampshire Women's League Div. 2	No higher than 4	No earlier than 6 <sup>th</sup> over

In future years a player's eligibility may be judged against different parameters, however with 2023 being the first year of this competition this will be the starting point and teams are entrusted to adhere to this.

Given the ethos and objectives of The Slam, any wilful abuse of this trust will only be serving to harm the future of the competition and as such shall not be looked upon favourably both now and in the future.



# PLAYER EXEMPTIONS

Naturally there are some players that will have played a mere handful of matches for a higher-level team at a weekend, often by helping their club out at times of low availability. It isn't appropriate that any such player should be excluded or restricted when their true capability doesn't warrant it. For that reason, The Slam utilises an exemption process so that any such players can be clearly freed from any restrictions that their PlayCricket record would otherwise dictate. Note that a player shall not be exempted from ANY player eligibility rule unless the exemption process has been followed, a team does not have the right to decide who is exempt.

Similarly, it is recognised that a player may play at a level that automatically warrants restriction, but they may only excel in one facet of the game. As such a team may seek an exemption from the batting restriction for a bowler with little batting pedigree or seek an exemption from the bowling restriction for a batter with little bowling pedigree.



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For whatever reason an exemption is sought, the online form found at

[https://www.slamcricket.co.uk/hampshire-](https://www.slamcricket.co.uk/hampshire-womens-exemptions)

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Following this submission, a decision shall be made based on an assessment of the case made and the evidence available on PlayCricket. The outcome of EVERY request shall be published on that competition's Player Eligibility page on The Slam website.

It is advised that exemptions are submitted as far in advance of a match as possible, but at least 48 hours before, and that notification of the decision is not on the website or received in writing from The Slam then it should be assumed that individual has NOT been granted any form of exemption.



# EXEMPTION EXAMPLES

## EXEMPTION FROM BEING INELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE SLAM

J Smith plays the majority of their cricket for Yateley's 2nd XI but has played twice for their 1st XI because of unavailability. They only batted 8 and didn't bowl.

An exemption request is submitted to enable her to be free of HP-WPE.3c because Yateley's 1st XI play in the Hampshire Women's Cricket League Division 1, players from which are ineligible to play any part in The Slam.

The Slam makes a judgement that J Smith is materially a 2nd XI player. Yateley's 2nd XI play in Division 3 of the Hampshire Women's Cricket League, as such J Smith can play and is free to bat and bowl at any stage in a match.



# EXEMPTION EXAMPLES

## EXEMPTION FROM AN ELEMENT OF RESTRICTION IN THE SLAM

M Jones plays the majority of their cricket for Ropley's 1st XI where they open the bowling but never usually bat higher than 8.

An exemption request is submitted to enable her to be free of HP-WPE.3g because they do not bat to a high level but the overall restriction rules means that they could not bat higher than 4 in The Slam because Ropley's 1<sup>st</sup> XI are in Division 2 of the Hampshire Women's Cricket League.

The Slam makes a judgement that M Jones does not have a batting pedigree that warrants restriction and as such exempts them from the batting restriction ONLY, but because their bowling pedigree is clearly evident at that level, they remain restricted to bowling no earlier than the 6th over.