



# PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

The Slam is designed primarily to offer more cricket for more people and as such it is deliberately pitched beneath the top level of the recreational game with two ability levels of competition in the Men's Slam.

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 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 Sussex Slam Men's Cup and Plate are as follows:

SUSSEX DIVISIONS	THE CUP	THE PLATE
Premier & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Divisions	Ineligible	Ineligible
Both 3 <sup>rd</sup> Divisions	Can't bat in top 5 Can't bowl before 13 <sup>th</sup> over	Ineligible
Both 4 <sup>th</sup> Divisions	Can't bat in top 3 Can't bowl before 9 <sup>th</sup> over	Ineligible
All 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Divisions	No restrictions	Ineligible
All 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Divisions	No restrictions	Can't bat in top 3 Can't bowl before 9 <sup>th</sup> over
All 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Divisions	No restrictions	No restrictions

For the first two rounds of matches a player's eligibility is judged against the last year's record. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of matches are completed, a player's weekend record for the current season ONLY shall be used to assess their eligibility for participation.



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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/sussex-mens-](https://www.slamcricket.co.uk/sussex-mens-exemptions)

[exemptions](https://www.slamcricket.co.uk/sussex-mens-exemptions) should be completed in full. 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 Haywards Heath'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 him to be free of SX-MPE.4a because Haywards Heath's 1st XI play in the Sussex Cricket League Premier Division, 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. Haywards Heath's 2nd XI play in the Division 5 Central Division of the Sussex Cricket League, as such J Smith can play in the Cup without restriction.



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## EXEMPTION FROM AN ELEMENT OF RESTRICTION IN THE SLAM

M Jones plays the majority of their cricket for Broadwater CC's 1st XI where they open the bowling but never usually bat higher than 10.

An exemption request is submitted to enable him to be free of SX-MPE.5a because they do not bat to a high level but the overall restriction rules means that they could not bat higher than 6 in The Slam.

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 13th over.