



# SCORING PATHWAY GUIDANCE

2026 Season



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# INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to confirm that, after consultation with scorers across the game, we are launching a new education and development pathway.

This pathway is designed to provide clarity as to what is expected of scorers at all levels of the game, with structured learning opportunities being provided to support scorers' development.

The diagram below shows the different levels of the ECB Scoring Pathway:



# TRANSITION FROM EXISTING PATHWAY

ECB ACO members eligible to transition to the new pathway will be informed of their new grade/level, separately.

The table below shows the criteria considered when allocating scorers to their new grade/level.

New Level in Pathway	Requirements
<b>S1</b> Professional Game	Previously accredited at Level 3 with ECB Scoring Authorisation
<b>S2</b> Representative Game - Professional	Previously accredited at Level 2 with ECB Scoring Authorisation
<b>S3</b> Representative Game - Recreational	Previously accredited at Level 3 without ECB Scoring Authorisation OR Previously accredited at Level 2 without ECB Scoring Authorisation
<b>S4</b> Recreational Game	Previously accredited at Level 1, regardless of ECB Scoring Authorisation
<b>S5</b> Team Scorer	No previous accreditation

# ELIGIBILITY FOR PATHWAY

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The ECB Scoring Pathway is open to all scorers.

To obtain the level of Team Scorer (S5), scorers must have completed the ECB Scoring Course and be a Full member of the ECB ACO.

The ECB Scoring Course is an online course and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

To progress beyond S5, scorers must be full members of the ECB ACO.

Membership of the ECB ACO is available to all via the ECB Website - click [here](#) for access to the membership form and to see the benefits of membership.



# COMPETENCE FRAMEWORK

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A full Competence Framework supports the Scoring Pathway, defining the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed at each level. It serves to guide a scorer's personal development, as well as ensuring a transparent and consistent approach to grading and promotion.

The Competence Framework can be found as **APPENDIX A.**

Scorers are encouraged to use the framework as a reference point for their own self-reflections and County ACO Lead Scorers - Development should refer to it when completing any mentoring or providing support for their scorers.

County ACO Lead Scorers - Development are asked to use the Progression Discussion Report as the basis for all progression discussions with scorers, and to help shape the on-going support and mentoring for scorers seeking promotion on the ECB Scoring Pathway. The report ensures a standardised approach to Progression Discussions and allows for written feedback to be provided, with a structured next steps section to help with ongoing support. The Progression Discussion Report form template can be found as **APPENDIX B.**

County ACOs, league panels and other appointing bodies are encouraged to provide educational sessions that align to the Competence Framework.



# WHAT DO THE LEVELS MEAN?

Different types of cricket are associated with each level. If, for example, you are an 'S3 – Representative Game Scorer – Recreational', then the types of cricket you would normally be expected to score would include National Counties, ECB County Age-Group competitions and Women's Tier 3 cricket.

The table below shows the types of cricket typically associated with each level of the pathway.

Level	Types of Cricket
<b>S5</b> Team Scorer	Adult Club Friendlies and Low-level league fixtures, Junior Club Cricket, Last Man Stand cricket, Indoor cricket.
<b>S4</b> Recreational Game Scorer	All other Adult League cricket, ECB County Age Group Friendlies, BUCS Cricket, Non-ECB Adult Cup competitions (e.g. Cricketer Cup), Schools Cricket Disability Cricket, County Masters Cricket (e.g. 50+).
<b>S3</b> Representative Game Scorer – Recreational	National Counties Cricket, National Disability Cricket Competitions (e.g. Disability Premier League), ECB County Age Group Competitions, MCC Matches, Women's Development and 2nd XI Cricket, Women's Tier 3 County Cricket Competitions.
<b>S2</b> Representative Game Scorer – Professional	ECB Festivals (Bunbury, Super 4's Men and Women), ECB County U18 & U16 Boys cricket, Men's Professional 2nd XI Cricket, Women's Tier 1 Academy and Tier 2 Cricket.
<b>S1</b> Professional Game Scorer	Men's Professional 1st XI Cricket, Senior England Women's Competitions and Matches, Women's Professional Cricket, England Lions & U19 (both genders), The Hundred.

# PROGRESSION ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCESS

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Outlined below are the requirements for scorers to achieve promotion on the ECB Scoring Pathway.

Any scorer who is interested in applying for promotion during the 2026 season must submit an “Expression of Interest” form\* to their County ACO Lead Scorer – Development, no later than 30th April 2026. A copy of this form is available as **APPENDIX C** or can be obtained via the County ACO Lead Scorer – Development. Any scorer who is not aware of their local County ACO contact should e-mail [ecb.aco@ecb.co.uk](mailto:ecb.aco@ecb.co.uk).

Please note, the achievement of a level within the ECB Scoring Pathway does not guarantee a scorer receiving scoring opportunities within certain types of cricket. This is due to the high number of eligible scorers that may exist in an area for those opportunities. Your County ACO Scoring Lead – Appointments will advise you on local opportunities that are available.

\*A scorer seeking the entry point of Team Scorer (S5) does not need to submit the “Expression of Interest form” as this grade can be achieved at any time during the season by completing the ECB Scoring Course and joining the ACO.

# S5

## Team Scorer (S5)

In order to obtain the level of Team Scorer (S5), the scorer must evidence the following:

- Completion of the ECB Scoring Course
- Be a Full member of the ECB ACO

Achievement of the S5 grade is available at any time and will be managed by the ECB Officiating Department.



### **Team Scorer (S5) to Recreational Scorer (S4)**

In order to obtain the level of Recreational Scorer (S4), the scorer must evidence the following:

- Having scored a minimum of 7 (seven) games in the current season
- Completion of the Scoring Techniques Educational Session\*
- Completion of the Duckworth Lewis-Stern (DLS) Educational Session

The completion of these educational sessions must be within 3 years of application for promotion. This will be managed by the County ACO Scoring Lead - Education, using attendance information from the ECB central bookings system.

The scorer applying for promotion is responsible for ensuring that evidence of meeting the above criteria is sent to the County ACO Lead Scorer - Development by no later than 30th September 2026. The County ACO for which the Scorer is a registered member will notify the outcome to the Scorer by the end of November 2026.

\*Further information on the new modules is available by clicking [here](#).



S4

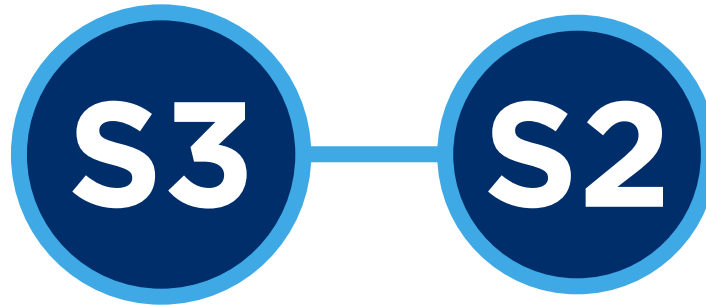
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### **Recreational Scorer (S4) to Representative Game Scorer - Recreational (S3)**

In order to obtain the level of Representative Game Scorer – Recreational (S3), the scorer must evidence the following:

- Having scored a minimum of 10 matches across 2 consecutive seasons
  - A minimum of 5 of these matches must have been scored on Play-Cricket (PCS Pro).
- Completion of the MCC Basic Laws test, achieving a mark of 75% or higher during the season of application.
- Completion of the Linear Scoring Educational Session.
- Completion of the PCS Pro Educational Session.
- Completion of the Statistics Educational Session.
- Completion of a Progression Discussion with a Scorer Developer.

The scorer applying for promotion is responsible for ensuring that evidence of meeting the above criteria is sent to the County ACO Lead Scorer - Development by no later than 30th September 2026. The County ACO for which the scorer is a registered member will notify the outcome to the scorer by the end of November 2026.

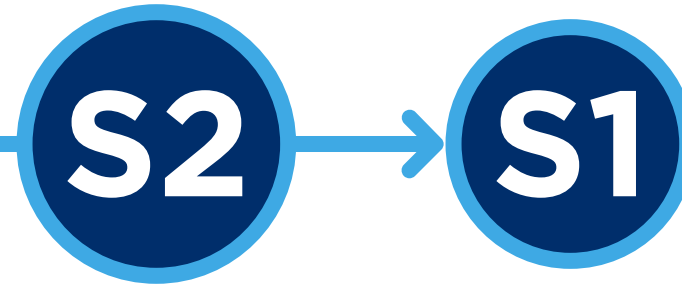


## **Representative Game Scorer – Recreational (S3) to Representative Game Scorer – Professional (S2)**

In order to obtain the level of Representative Game Scorer – Professional (S2), the scorer must evidence the following:

- Having scored a minimum of 10 games across 2 consecutive seasons at the S2 Level
  - All matches scored to be on Professional Database.
- Completion of the MCC Basic Laws test, achieving a mark of 75% or higher during the season of application.
- Completion of the ECB Scoring Authorisation.
- Completion of a Progression Discussion with a Scorer Developer.

The scorer applying for promotion is responsible for ensuring that evidence of meeting the above criteria is sent to the County ACO Lead Scorer - Development by no later than 30th September 2026. The County ACO for which the scorer is a registered member will notify the outcome to the scorer by the end of November 2026.



## Representative Game Scorer (S2) to Professional Game Scorer (S1)

In order to obtain the level of Professional Game Scorer (S1), the scorer must evidence the following:

- Having scored a minimum of 15 games across 2 consecutive seasons at the S2 Level
  - All matches scored to be on Professional Database.
- Completion of MCC Basic Laws test, achieving a mark of 75% or higher during the season of application.
- Completion of the ECB Scoring Development Programme\*.
- Completion of a Progression Discussion with a Scorer Developer.

The scorer applying for promotion is responsible for ensuring that evidence of meeting the above criteria is sent to the National ACO Lead Scorer - Development by no later than 30th September 2026, to [officiating@ecb.co.uk](mailto:officiating@ecb.co.uk). The National ACO will notify the outcome to the scorer by the end of November 2026.

Please note that achievement of Professional Game Scorer (S1) grade does not guarantee opportunities to score in professional cricket due to the volume of eligible scorers, with limited professional scoring opportunities available.

\*The ECB Scoring Development Programme will be available ahead of the 2027 season. In the interim, those eligible candidates will be offered an equivalent learning experience to prepare them for potential promotion.

# SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL OFFER

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As outlined above, the County ACO network is on hand to offer the following educational sessions to their members:

## **Scoring Techniques**

This session introduces scorers to regular, repeatable scoring routines to ensure accuracy when scoring, how the umpiring and scoring teams work together for the smooth running of the game, key Laws of Cricket and how to accurately record penalty runs.

## **Linear Scoring**

This session introduces scorers to Linear Scoring, explains the theory behind it, why a scorer might choose to use Linear Scoring and teaches the method by putting the skills into practise to improve the scorer's competence and confidence.

## **Duckworth-Lewis Stern (DLS)**

This session introduces scorers to the theory behind DLS, the theory to manually calculate DLS target scores, the terminology involved and how to use the DLS calculators within PCS Pro and the Play-Cricket Scoring App.

## **Statistics**

This session introduces scorers to the theory and relevance of certain statistics that are required of a scorer to perform during a game, understanding how to record and report on relevant interruptions both when scoring manually and electronically.

## **PCS Pro Scoring**

This session introduces scorers to scoring cricket matches via the Play-Cricket Scorer Professional (PCS-Pro) software and database, covering all key aspects from fixture creation and team selection to methodology on how to score a match and finalise the result accurately.

These educational sessions will be delivered in County, by County ACO Scoring Tutors and advertised to members via local newsletters or other communications. These will also be made available via the ECB Website. Click [here](#) to access.

## **ECB Scoring Development Programme**

Launching in 2027, the ECB Scoring Development Programme will support the additional learning of scorers who are looking for progression from the Representative Game Scorer – Professional (S2) to the Professional Game Scorer (S1) levels. This programme will cover the key differences from operating in 2nd XI professional men's cricket through to the full professional game, including the key regulations around anti-corruption, working practices in the professional game and working with key stakeholders (for example broadcast colleagues, match managers, etc).



# MCC LAWS OF THE GAME TEST

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As detailed within the above document, scorers must complete a specified MCC Laws of the Game test to be eligible for promotion. The MCC Laws of the Game exams can be located by clicking on the relevant links below.

MCC Basic Laws of the Game Test | Click [Here](#)



## FURTHER QUESTIONS

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A frequently asked questions document has been compiled to help scorers understand the pathway. This is available as **APPENDIX D** of this document.

For further questions, please contact your local County ACO or the ECB Officiating Department - [officiating@ecb.co.uk](mailto:officiating@ecb.co.uk)

# SCORING PATHWAY COMPETENCE FRAMEWORK

Preparation	
 <p><b>S5</b> Team Scorer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has an understanding of a pre-match routine and what it contains</li> <li>• Is aware of what equipment is required to complete the role</li> <li>• Arrives in a timely manner prior to the start of the game</li> <li>• Is aware of what needs to happen to set up and be prepared for the game</li> <li>• Has an awareness of competition regulations</li> </ul>
 <p><b>S4</b> Recreational Scorer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checks their equipment prior to match day</li> <li>• Dressed casually and comfortably, but appropriate for match and environment</li> <li>• Arrives at an appropriate time and sets up ready for the toss</li> <li>• Meets and has discussions with stakeholders to ensure everything is in place for the game</li> <li>• Gained Scorer privileges on Play-Cricket</li> <li>• Knows the competition regulations related to scoring and records appropriately</li> <li>• Downloads the match prior to arrival at the game, if appropriate</li> <li>• Ensures the electronic scoring software is up to date</li> <li>• Has access to relevant competition regulations</li> </ul>

## Preparation



### **Representative Scorer - Recreational**

- Has an established routine to plan and prepare for a forthcoming match
- Talks to appropriate match and ground officials as part of their pre-match routine
- Identifies and pursues learning and development opportunities
- Accepts appointments in a timely and professional manner
- Have identified the appropriate scoring method for the match and can adapt accordingly



### **Representative Scorer - Professional**

- Has obtained ECB Scoring Authorisation prior to match day
- Knows the difference between electronic scoring systems



### **Representative Scorer - Professional**

- Understands need for competition accreditation and has in-depth knowledge of correct usage
- Arrives 2 hours before the start of match to address any issues
- Professionally dressed, appropriate to match and setting
- Ground specific knowledge (e.g. scoreboard location, scoreboard requirements, etc.) sourced prior to arrival
- Thorough research of teams conducted prior to arrival, to support on day scoring performance

## Scorebox Technique & Scorebox Etiquette



### Team Scorer

- Ensures required information is provided from key stakeholders, e.g. named players, who won the toss, etc.
- Understands the need for scoring routines (scoring sequence, how to watch the match)
- Records events on the field of play factually, e.g. short & long overs
- Can use electronic scoring as relevant to the game
- Can complete a standard paper scoring record accurately
- Knows the regulations for a batter retiring and how to record
- Can identify and record the score as per Law 3 of MCC Laws of cricket and differences between symbols used in paper and electronic scoring
- Can identify and record Maidens and Wicket Maidens factually
- Can understand the different types of extras and can record consistently
- Can identify the different dismissals and record how out appropriately (scoresheet entries include fall of wicket and fielders' names)
- Can recognise basic umpire signals
- Can identify when runs are scored
- Has an awareness of the impact of short runs and overthrows

## Scorebox Technique & Scorebox Etiquette



### Recreational Scorer

- Can identify own team members and recognise differences between players
- Has clear, established scoring routine including regularly checking own recordings
- Is aware of distractions but remains focussed on the match
- Records all interruptions in play accurately
- Awareness of scoring process for disallowed leg byes
- Records correct names of batters, regardless of whether they bat or not
- Knows when the winning run is scored
- Understands, and can record accurately, the difference between Not Out/Did Not Bat/Absent
- Can identify and qualify the result
- Can finish off the game correctly, including the completion of any missing data
- Can use Duckworth Lewis-Stern as required for your match
- Understands how to record penalty runs
- Understands the impact of player suspension and how to record accurately
- Can score matches using Play-Cricket Scorer Pro basic package and Play-Cricket Scorer App advanced levels.

## Scorebox Technique & Scorebox Etiquette



### **Representative Scorer - Recreational**

- Clear, consistent, accurate, legible and timely recording of events using appropriate/ required scoring method (book and/or electronically)
- Fully aware of scoring position and gives consideration to their colleague
- Confident, remains calm in their recording of game events
- Demonstrates thorough knowledge of MCC Laws of Cricket plus competition rules and regulations applicable to scorers
- Understand the impact of the following scenarios and recording appropriate:
  - Run out of non-striker without delivering the ball
  - Substitutes (including concussion substitutes as per competition regulations)
  - Dead Ball (how to record, does it count as delivery in over)
- Can record basic stats including strike rates, economy rates, averages and partnerships
- Can accurately manage the following scenarios in the following contexts:  
Match points, Interruption timings / state of play, Last hour of play, Intervals that affect timings, Multi-day over rates, Follow on, New ball taken, End of day in Play-Cricket Scorer

## Scorebox Technique & Scorebox Etiquette



### Representative Scorer - Professional

- Has advanced competence in Play-Cricket Scorer Pro system
- Works with Analyst (if present) to ensure that errors and differences in scores are corrected before closing the match
- Adheres to Best Practice guide when scoring in the NV Play database
- Is aware of what data should be recorded, e.g. Analysts and wagon wheels
- Can accurately manage the following scenarios in the following contexts:  
Match points, Interruption timings / state of play, Last hour of play, Recording fielding positions for wickets, Multi-Fielder run outs as per ECB Protocol, Intervals that affect timings, Multi day over rates, Follow on, New ball taken, End of day in PCS Pro



### Professional Game Scorer

- Records events beyond the accepted requirements of a match: Over rate calculations, cut off times, net run rate, DRS decision recording, importance of Play States, requirement for start with no players, entry of analyst name, data recording priority (e.g. who's data gets written to the database), floodlights on/off, replacement/substitute players, batters returning in warm-up games, use of broadcast message, overs in final innings, professional database helpdesk, super-overs
- Concentrates on all events on the field and notices events off field, that may affect a specific competition, e.g. countdown clock, televised scoring inaccuracies
- Acts as role model to other scorers across the game and provides advice when required
- Scores using a method applicable to the match being played (e.g. using ICC supplied scoresheets in ICC tournaments)
- Remains calm under pressure
- Offers to assist colleagues when unavoidable distractions occur
- Uses scoring and statistical knowledge to anticipate requests for information
- Acts as a mentor to other scorers
- Demonstrates competent knowledge in the following areas: ECB Anti-corruption policy, restrictions for televised matches, DRS recording

## People & Match Management



**Team  
Scorer**

- Conduct themselves in an appropriate manner with key stakeholders
- Can recognise errors in recording and seeks additional knowledge when required
- Is aware of the ECB General Conduct Regulations (GCR)



**Recreational  
Scorer**

- Interacts, appropriately, with players, coaches and spectators
- Seeks relevant and appropriate help when things go wrong
- Can show neutrality when part of the Officiating Team
- Understands timings and how this can impact the game (when does an innings start/stop)



**Representative  
Scorer -  
Recreational**

- Has appropriate levels of intervention with fellow officials
- Builds effective relationships with players, coaches and spectators through a consistent approach
- Can problem solve issues in a timely manner whilst continuing to score
- Can record appropriately in a cancelled/abandoned match
- Is aware of the ECB social media use policy

## People & Match Management






### Representative Scorer - Professional

- Demonstrates thorough knowledge and application of all Laws, Rules & Regulations applicable to the match
- Consistent in all aspect of scoring work
- Anticipates umpire interactions and requests for information
- Checks at appropriate times and anticipates extra checks before landmarks
- Is aware of upcoming milestones and checks with colleagues before they occur
- Is aware of the restrictions on scorers in televised matches and has contingency plans to ensure that relevant information is both given and received
- Advanced DLS knowledge including protocols



### Professional Game Scorer

- Knows how to work with ECB match managers in different types of televised matches
- Demonstrates thorough knowledge and application of all Laws, Rules & Regulations applicable to the match
- Consistent in all aspect of scoring work
- Anticipates umpire interactions and requests for information
- Is aware of the restrictions on scorers in televised matches and has contingency plans to ensure that relevant information is both given and received

Teamwork	
 <p><b>S5</b> Team Scorer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the end of over procedure (checking, bowling totals, score at end of over)</li> <li>• Appropriately acknowledges umpire signals</li> </ul>
 <p><b>S4</b> Recreational Scorer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree roles and responsibilities with scoring colleague</li> <li>• Shows flexibility in routine when working with colleagues</li> <li>• Checks scores regularly, at appropriate intervals, with colleagues</li> <li>• Ensure the result is on Play Cricket and result is notified to the appropriate people</li> <li>• Agrees communication methods with umpires during the game and uses radios at appropriate levels</li> <li>• Expects and understands umpiring pre-signals</li> </ul>
 <p><b>S3</b> Representative Scorer - Recreational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows procedures well and can explain to players, coaches and spectators</li> <li>• Applies their skills, knowledge and competence to minimise errors and possible incidents</li> <li>• Demonstrates effective teamwork with colleagues</li> <li>• Can communicate effectively</li> <li>• Receptive and responds well to feed forward</li> <li>• Correctness of scores (who is responsible/when can the score be amended)</li> </ul>

## Teamwork



### **Representative Scorer - Professional**

- Has an awareness of how to work with an analyst
- Understands differences between working with umpires in professional settings compared to recreational settings



### **Professional Game Scorer**

- Uses precise language to explain the scoring record regardless of the scoring method used
- Professional, self-confident and uses a tone of voice appropriate to the situation
- Used to working under pressure with little change of communication
- Aware of how to get team player information
- Encourages and motivates colleague(s) and responds well to constructive feed forward
- Understands how to work with a TV Umpire

# SCORER DEVELOPER REPORT FORM

<b>Name of Scorer:</b>		<b>Current Level of Scorer:</b>	
<b>County ACO:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Developer Name:</b>			

Areas from Competence Framework	Question(s)	Responses
<b>Planning &amp; Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for the match</li> <li>• Arrival Dress</li> <li>• Communication pre-match</li> </ul>		
<b>Scoring Technique &amp; Scorebox Etiquette</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record keeping: Are runs, wickets, overs, and other key stats recorded correctly and legibly?</li> <li>• Situational Awareness</li> <li>• Knowledge of Protocols</li> <li>• Communication and Teamwork</li> <li>• Tools and Equipment</li> <li>• Contingency Preparedness</li> <li>• Passion and Engagement</li> </ul>		

Areas from Competence Framework	Question(s)	Responses
<p><b>People &amp; Match Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays understanding and application of relevant Laws, Rules, and Regulations</li> <li>• Records match events accurately and consistently</li> <li>• Maintains recording practices throughout</li> <li>• Works collaboratively with umpires, showing respectful authority and role clarity</li> <li>• “Relatability”</li> <li>• Regular Checks</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Teamwork</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manages scoreboard</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Proactive</li> <li>• Works with scoring colleague, contributing to a cohesive team dynamic</li> <li>• Communicates with clarity and confidence across all interactions</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Overall Grade</b></p>	<p>Competent/ Not Yet Competent*</p>	

**Developer Summary**

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**Scorer Reflections**

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<b>Name of Developer</b>		<b>County ACO</b>	
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Note:  
This form should be completed in conjunction with the guidance contained within the document titled, 'ECB Scoring Pathway' to assist in providing appropriate marking through reference to Appendix A (Scorer Competency Framework).

# SCORER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROMOTION – 2026

**This form should be completed by any scorer seeking to be promoted during the 2026 season.**

Please refer to the ECB Scoring Pathway – 2026 for full details of the criteria which scorers are required to evidence in order to be considered for promotion.

<b>Scorer Name:</b>	
<b>Scorer Email:</b>	
<b>Scorer Contact Tel:</b>	

Please complete this section only if the scorer is aged Under 18:

<b>Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian E-mail Address:</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Contact Tel:</b>	

<b>Scorer Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):</b>		<b>County ACO:</b>	
<b>ACO Number:</b>		<b>Promotion Requested:</b>	

**Which competition(s) did you regularly score during the 2025 season?**

**Please tell us a little bit about why you are looking to be promoted:**

**This form should be submitted to your County ACO Scoring Lead - Development by the required date as outlined in the ECB Scoring Pathway - 2026. By submitting this form, you agree that:**

- You understand and accept that data captured in this form will only be used for purposes related to the ECB Scoring Pathway Promotion Scheme.
- You hereby declare that none of the information in this application is false or misleading, and that you have a full understanding of what is required in joining the ECB Scoring Promotion Scheme.
- The ECB and ECB ACO are committed to achieving equality of opportunity to all within officiating and servicing officiating.
- You have read the ECB's Privacy Notice (available [here](#)) and understand how the data you provide will be used, protected and shared.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How do I get on the Pathway?**

To be on the scoring pathway, scorers are required to join the ECB ACO and, as a minimum, complete the ECB Scoring Course (Free to access).

For those who are “rejoining” the ECB ACO, arrangements have been made within the pathway to account for previous or assumed levels of knowledge and these will be managed via County ACO Scoring Leads - Development.

## **I don't agree with my level on the new Pathway. What should I do?**

Please speak to your County ACO Scoring Lead - Development who can investigate and correct, in conjunction with the ECB Officiating Department.

## **I've been a scorer for years. Do I have to start at the beginning again?**

There are transitional arrangements for those with previous experience to be measured against the Competence Framework and please speak to your County ACO Scoring Lead - Development for details.

## **Do I have to join the ECB ACO?**

If you wish to progress on the ECB Scoring Pathway, then individuals are required to be full members of the ECB ACO.

## **How do I get a Progression Discussion?**

Please complete the outlined Expression of Interest form and send to your County ACO Scoring Lead - Development. If you are unsure on who that is, please send to [officiating@ecb.co.uk](mailto:officiating@ecb.co.uk)

## **Who decided what level I am on the new Pathway?**

The transition arrangements have been outlined in previous correspondence with current ECB ACO members. If you are unsure that you are on the appropriate grade, please speak to your County ACO Scoring Lead - Development.

### **Who worked out the competencies for each level?**

Work was undertaken across the 2024 and 2025 season, collaborating between existing scorers and the Scoring Sub-Committee of the ECB ACO to build a competence and educational framework to support scorers at every level of the game.

### **What is the ECB Scoring Authorisation?**

The ECB Scoring Authorisation is an additional piece of education which enables scorers access to scoring on the Professional Database. Examples of matches on this database can be Women's Tier 2 competitions, Men's Under 18 County matches. Counties use the Professional Database.

Whilst scorers may have completed the ECB Scoring Authorisation, this does not guarantee scoring opportunities at that level.

### **I only want to score for my club. Does that mean I can't do the CPD Modules or become a Professional Scorer (S1)?**

The pathway is designed to support the development of scorers to enable their progression from club-based scoring to higher levels of the recreational game and potentially into the professional game.

There is no requirement for scorers to progress up the pathway, however the ECB Scoring Pathway has been designed to support scorers in the various levels and types of game where they may operate and support the growth of scoring across the game.

### **I took a break from scoring but want to come back. What do I need to do?**

Firstly, if you wish to be on the ECB Scoring Pathway, then registering with the ECB ACO is the first step. Secondly, the ECB Scoring Course is available to anyone, at any time, to review their scoring techniques and to refresh their skills when scoring on Play-Cricket.

Then, speak to your County ACO Scoring Lead - Development about further progression opportunities.

### **Can I progress more than one level on the Pathway in a season?**

Initially, it is only possible for a scorer to receive promotion of one level in a season.

### **What if I don't agree with the outcome of my PD?**

Appeals can be made to the National Scorer Officer - Development or to [officiating@ecb.co.uk](mailto:officiating@ecb.co.uk) for review.

### **How do I get higher-level matches?**

Speak to your County ACO Lead Scorer - Appointments, who can support you on a local basis.

### **Who are my County and Regional ACO Scoring Leads?**

Your County ACO will supply you with these individual's contact details. If you cannot find these, please contact [officiating@ecb.co.uk](mailto:officiating@ecb.co.uk) who will support.

### **What do I get for my ACO membership?**

Please click [here](#) for the benefits associated with ACO membership.

### **I did some training years ago. Does that still count?**

Transition arrangements have been made for those who completed ACO scoring training since 2021.

We believe that scorers should access developmental or educational offers provided by the ECB and County ACO network as they see fit, based on their current skills in line with the Scoring Competence Framework.

### **Can I be on the Umpires Pathway and on the Scorers Pathway?**

Yes.

### **I live in a small county with an NCCA club. Can I still get to the Professional levels?**

There is no reason why you can't achieve this, however the appointment of scorers within the professional levels of the game is the responsibility of the First-Class County Clubs.

### **How much do the courses and modules cost? What if I can't afford that?**

Educational courses, as part of the ECB Scoring Pathway are included within the full ECB ACO Membership, so they are available for most individuals. If you have financial concerns preventing your attendance, please speak to your County ACO for support.

### **Does where I live affect the matches I can be appointed to?**

The appointment of scorers is the responsibility of the host club. As such, we cannot comment on this.

### **Can I apply to be a Professional Scorer (S1), or do I have to be nominated by someone? If so, who?**

Applications to achieve the Professional Scorer (S1) grade are welcome from anyone who is a Representative Game Scorer - Professional (S2). Please see the required criteria for those applicants to be successful.



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