

# VALLEY DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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## OVERSEAS PLAYER POLICY ~ July, 2002

Being one of Brisbane's strongest and largest clubs, having won the Club Championship in 2000/01 and 2001/02, the club has no real need for players from overseas. However, players from overseas will be made welcome if they meet all the requirements of this Overseas Player Policy.

Whilst conceding that some players from the U.K. have made valuable contributions to the club from a playing point of view, it has become necessary for the Executive Committee to develop a policy on overseas players and, in particular, to place some limits on the numbers of overseas players in order to ensure that our home-grown players have the appropriate opportunities to fully develop.

The club has also been disappointed at times with the attitudes and fee payment histories of some overseas players. All players at the club pay membership and match fees and overseas players must realise that they will not be treated any differently. They must meet their fee commitments just as the club expects all home-based players to do. Overseas players will be required to pay their membership and match fees prior to their arrival in Australia or they will not be accepted to join the club and will not be eligible for selection in any team.

Another issue is that of length of stay. Valley teams over the last few seasons have been consistent in achieving Semi Final births. When overseas players do not commit to a full season of cricket with the club, including Finals that are scheduled up to late March, this is extremely disrupting to Finals preparations. As far as the club is aware, when Valley players play in England and their club team looks like making finals they do the right thing and see the full season through even if it means arriving back in Brisbane a day or two before our season starts. The Club requires that our overseas players reciprocate and give a commitment to play the whole season, including Finals.

**In summary, the club's Overseas Player Policy is:**

- 1. Overseas players are unavailable for selection for the club until season membership and match fees are paid in full prior to departure for Australia. Payment can be made by electronic funds transfer, bank cheque or credit card. If a player misses any games due to injury or illness, he will receive a refund at the end of the season. (As a guide, the 2001/02 season fees were \$140 membership plus \$286 match fees = \$426 total, not including First Grade 1-day match fees of \$10 per match for 7 matches which can be paid on a match by match basis once here in Australia).**
- 2. If overseas players cannot commit to playing for the club right through to the end of our season, including Finals which conclude in late March, they will be ineligible for selection in Grade teams above 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – unless they can show proof of having a County contract which demands their return to the U.K. prior to that time.**
- 3. The club has set a limit of 1 overseas player per Grade and/or a total of 5 overseas players to be eligible for selection in the club's 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teams in any one season. Additional overseas players may apply to come to the club but the limits above will apply and each round a maximum of only 5 players will be eligible for selection in our top five Grades – additional players will be selected in our Sub-District teams. Overseas players will be accepted on a first in/first accepted basis, that is, players will be accepted as soon as the club has received payment in full of season membership and match fees.**
- 4. Preference will be shown to players from the U.K. because of the number of players from our club over the years who have been given the opportunity to play in the U.K. If the limits above have not been reached, players from other parts of the world may be considered at the discretion of the club's Executive Committee.**

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