

## **FAQ's**

### **Q1 How long will it take to get a Sponsors Licence?**

A Provided your application is supported with all the necessary documentation, the process should take no longer than 10 working days, and should be quicker than getting a Work Permit. To ensure this happens please send the Sponsors License application to ECB BEFORE you send it to UKBA.

### **Q2 How long will it take to get a "Certificate of Sponsorship"?**

A Same answer as Q1

### **Q3 Why do we need NGB support?**

A The new system transfers accountability to clubs and NGB's therefore all actions must be supported by relevant body. In actual fact Work Permits UK used to get confirmation of the bona fides of players from ECB, so it that sense nothing has changed.

### **Q4 First Class counties can get Work Permits for "players only", why can't we?**

A ECB believe, and I agree with the philosophy, that players in the recreational game should contribute to the development of the game. To pay a substantial amount of money to a player only misses an opportunity for the club to make a significant contribution to its, and its players, future development.

### **Q5 The increasing demand of One Day cricket has now created One Day specialists, why must players have played in the longer game before they get support? We are now finding that First Class teams have larger squads of players and include one day players only.**

A The basic principle is that only the top players will gain "Certificate of Sponsorship", traditionally the assessment of skill level has been the ability to play cricket in the First Class game. This may well be reconsidered in the future, but as of now, only players that have played the longer game will be considered.

### **Q6 Do matches in ICL count as first class matches**

A No

### **Q7 What about previous Test players who have not played first class cricket in last 24 months**

A No

### **Q8 What happens with substitute professionals?**

A If your player is injured or ill and cannot play, you can utilise the services of a substitute professional provided that the arrangement is made between clubs and the players remains the servant of the club to which he is contracted.

### **Q9 Can overseas amateur players play in a Designated Professional League'**

A Yes