



# OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION INFORMATION SHEET 2007

## INTRODUCTION

The ECB Officials Association, which effectively came into operation in April 2006, attracted nearly 900 members in 2006. This Information Sheet is being distributed to members and to the many individual umpires and scorers who have asked for more information about ECB OA. We hope that it will answer most of the questions that members and prospective members have asked. However ECB OA is still evolving and there continues to be much work to be done – please bear with us if your question is not covered here and please use the Feedback section to contact us.

## MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription rates for 2007 have been set as follows:

	<b>DIRECT DEBIT</b>	<b>CHEQUE</b>
Full member	£20	£22
Associate member	£10	£12
Junior member (U21)	£5	£7
Overseas (non ECC)	£10/€15	£12/€17

Associate membership is available to individuals who have no active ECB OA qualifications or are no longer actively involved in umpiring or scoring.

## BARTERCARD SPONSORSHIP

Bartercard Limited has become the first Official Supplier to ECB OA, signing a three-year agreement that will allow local ECB OA Associations to access goods and services provided by other Bartercard members through a nationally coordinated arrangement. Further information can be found on the ECB OA web site.



## INSURANCE

Insurance cover is provided to Full members and to Junior members once they reach their 16th birthday. Associate members and Overseas members not normally resident in the UK or ECC countries are not covered. The ECB OA insurance provides Public Liability cover of £5 million for any one claim and there is no exclusion covering professional negligence. Personal Accident cover is also provided and members have access to a year-round telephone helpline covering legal and taxation questions.

Full details of the insurance cover provided to members can be found via the ECB OA web site.

## MATCH APPOINTMENTS 2007

In 2007 ECB will be appointing all umpires in County 2nd XI matches, Development of Excellence matches and MCC Universities competitions in addition to all rounds of the Cocksbur Cup. "County 2nd XI matches are an important element in the progression of umpires aspiring to stand in First Class cricket and we will be monitoring these matches closely. We are building effective working relationships with the Minor Counties Cricket Association to ensure that performances in these matches are included in the assessment of individuals with the potential to become ECB contracted umpires in the future." said Chris Kelly, the ECB Umpires and Match Operations Manager. All ECB contracted umpires are members of ECB OA.

## MERCHANDISE

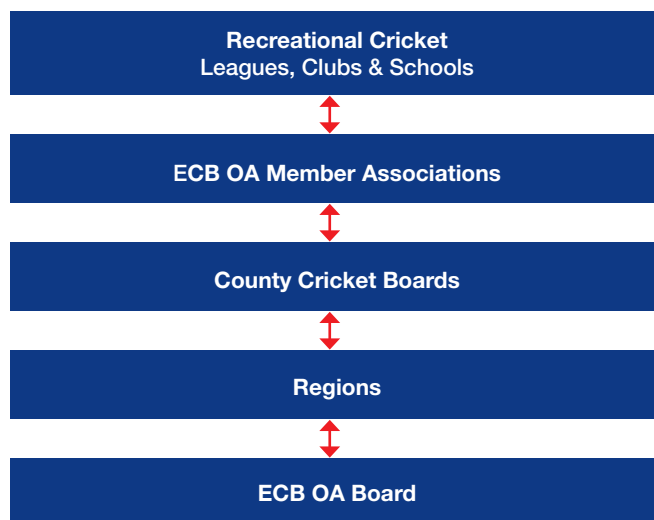
Members will shortly be able to obtain a range of merchandise carrying the ECB OA and Bartercard logos. Members can place orders now for the new coats specially designed for the ECB contracted umpires which are available at the special introductory price of £35 – to reserve a coat send your details including your chest size to [lucy.morris@ecb.co.uk](mailto:lucy.morris@ecb.co.uk).

All members will receive a membership card giving details of their ECB OA qualifications and the expiry date of their CRB clearance.

ECB OA member ties will be available for the 2007 season.



## ECB OA STRUCTURE



## QUALIFICATIONS

ECB OA will have qualifications for umpires and scorers based in both cases on four 'Levels':

**Level 1** – entry level covering the basic requirements of umpiring or scoring

**Level 2** – foundation level appropriate for all recreational cricket

**Level 3** – progression level to support officials involved in multiple day matches including representative cricket

**Level 4** – accreditation for officiating in the first class/professional game.

ECB OA members can achieve these qualifications by passing the appropriate examinations or courses. ECB OA will initially recognise equivalent qualifications obtained from other appropriate organisations until the end of March 2007 (individual cases will be considered after this date) for those Levels where an ECB OA examination has been introduced, and at a later date for Levels where the ECB OA examination is not currently available. Further details can be found on the ECB OA web site.

## COURSE DETAILS

COUNTY BOARD	COURSE LOCATION	COURSE CONTACT	PHONE
Cambridgeshire	Cambs FA Offices	Frank Appleyard	01223 892255
Cheshire	Oakmere CC	Ian Bishop	0161 962 8200
Durham	Stockton CC	Derek Watchman	01642 656305
Durham	Stokesley CC	Derek Watchman	01642 656305
Durham	Durham CCC	Jack McGurk	0191 3841547
Gloucestershire	Gloucs CCC	Peter Rogers	0117 9207062
Hereford	Wormelow CC	Alan Taylor	01432 355072
Kent	Blean Village Hall	Ken Amos	01227 711345
Lincolnshire	Cleethorpes CC	Ian Wilkinson	01472 872577
Lancashire	Burscough CC	Jeremy Rowe	01772 815756
Lancashire	East Lancs CC	Allen Parker	01200 442614
Middlesex	Uxbridge CC	Norman Freeman	020 88036075
Middlesex	Finchley CC	Alan Flook	01707 875462
Northumberland	Newcastle CC	Bob Simpson	01670 712775
Worcestershire	Kidderminster	John Collins	01384 270197

## HOW TO JOIN ECB OA

Application and Direct Debit forms for the OA are available on the website or direct from Lucy Morris. You will need to have a full Criminal Records Bureau clearance and you can obtain the forms from the Welfare Officer at your County Board or direct from the child protection team at the ECB.

## CONTACTS/WEB SITE

ECB OA website: [www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-officials-association/](http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-officials-association/)  
 Frank Kemp: [frank.kemp@ecb.co.uk](mailto:frank.kemp@ecb.co.uk) or 020 7432 1216  
 Chris Kelly: [chris.kelly@ecb.co.uk](mailto:chris.kelly@ecb.co.uk) or 020 7432 1170  
 Lucy Morris: [lucy.morris@ecb.co.uk](mailto:lucy.morris@ecb.co.uk) or 020 7432 1231  
 County Boards: [www.play-cricket.com](http://www.play-cricket.com) or in the 'Development' section of the 'ECB' part of [www.ecb.co.uk](http://www.ecb.co.uk)  
 Bartercard: <http://www.bartercard.com/uk/>

## FEEDBACK

Excellent communication with members is an essential objective of ECB OA and we know we have much work to do so we welcome your comments and suggestions – e-mail or write to Frank Kemp at Lord's – [frank.kemp@ecb.co.uk](mailto:frank.kemp@ecb.co.uk) or call 0207 432 1216.

## MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Lucy Morris, the ECB OA Membership Officer, is emigrating at the end of January and we are urgently seeking her successor. If you would like to apply for the post, which is based at Lord's, you can find full details at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/vacancies/>. Closing date for applications is Friday 2nd February.