



## County Championship Competitions Selection Policy O50s/60s

### Competition Eligibility

Players must meet the criteria laid down by each competition - this can change each season. For the 2024 season this is as follows:

#### O50s

For the O50s 1st XI you have to be at least 50 on the day of the match, regardless of when your birthday is. So if you are 50 on July 17th you can play from then. Players who play 4 of the 7 group matches cannot then play for the 2nd XI in knockout stage matches. Players who have played three 1st XI matches cannot play in any 3rd XI games.

The **O50s 2nd XI** can include two players who are 49 on the day of the match providing they were 49 on or before May 1st 2024. Players cannot play for the 1st and 2nd XI in the same week (Monday to Sunday) but can play for the 2nd XI and 3rd XI in the same week. There is no restriction on the amount of matches a player plays for the 2nd XI that prevents them playing for the 1st XI. Counties are not expected to use the 2nd XI competition to give 1st XI regular players additional games.

The **O50s 3rd XI** can include two players who are 49 on the day of the match providing they were 49 on or before May 1st 2024. Players cannot play for the 1st and 3rd XI in the same week (Monday to Sunday).

Counties are not expected to use the 3rd XI competition to give 1st XI or 2nd XI regular players additional games.

Only players who have played in 5 or more group matches can play in the knockout stages.

#### O60s

Teams can include one 59 year old, all other players must be 60+ on the day of the match. Female players aged 50+ are allowed.

Players who have played 6 or more 1st XI matches in a season cannot play for the 2nd XI in the same season without permission from the competition organisers. Players cannot play for the 1st and 2nd XI in the same week.

## **Cornwall Eligibility**

In addition to the competition eligibility rules players will be only be selected if:

1. They have completed the Cornwall Seniors membership form
2. They have paid the Cornwall Senior annual membership fee - £25 for 2024
3. They have declared their availability for that week's matches

Exception to the above:

If either the O50s 3rd XI or O60s 2nd XI are forced to pull in a new player at the last minute to make up the numbers they do not have to be members. That player though will be expected to be a member before they play a second game.

### **Picking the best team available**

We are a county representative organisation so as such selection will be based on picking a team to win each game from the eligible pool of players available.

Players sign up on the basis they are making themselves available for the team the selectors deem they are best suited to and that they recognise that significant travel is often required, including potential overnight accommodation, at their personal cost.

Selectors will use Spond as a method of knowing which players are available each week. It is the responsibility of each player to ensure they keep their availability up to date on Spond. Players will be making themselves available for specific dates not teams.

If a player chosen for a team turns down the opportunity to play for that team they will not be selected for any other team that week unless exceptional personal circumstances prevent them from playing for the selected team. They should though make that known to the selectors in advance of the teams being selected not after teams have been selected. Examples of exceptional circumstances would include work or family matters.

The 1st XIs for O50s and O60s will pick teams to include a reserve batter and a reserve bowler who will be called up if someone from the original selection has to drop out.

### **Selectors**

O50s Matches: The 3 Captains and team managers and Head of O50s

O60s Matches: The 2 Captains and team managers

### **Discrimination**

Membership of the organisation and therefore selection shall be open to anyone who has completed the application having paid the subscription regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.