

UK CLUB GUIDE TO SIGNING AN OVERSEAS CRICKETER

GRAVITY SPORTS



WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION

Do we need an overseas player?

Only you can answer this, each club is different. However given the costs of signing a player from overseas, it's important to consider whether you actually need an overseas player? Can you achieve your objectives by simply signing one or even two local players?

Does my league allow overseas players?

Each league is completely different and we would always recommend contacting your league representative to check if you are allowed to sign players from overseas, and if so, what

restrictions are in place in terms of the number of overseas players allowed, and what incentives can be offered.

What is your budget?

You may want to pay a player a salary whilst he's here, however it's worth thinking about the cost of your total package. Further details are provided below on the associated costs of signing an amateur vs a professional.

Gravity Tip

Before searching for players, form a sub-committee to ascertain your objectives for the season. This will help you decide what type of player to sign.



PLANNING

don't be afraid to ask about the

DETAILS

Signing a player from overseas is a big commitment. Ensure you ask about the smaller details such as personality type & whether the player has any family coming with him - maybe even schedule a call with the player prior to committing

UK PLAYING VISAS

It's important to consider whether you would like to sign either an overseas amateur or overseas professional. Below are the most common visa types players are entering the UK on. However, it's often best to take advice from an **approved agency** to ensure that the correct, legal process is followed before applying for a visa.



VISITORS VISA

Visitors visas are for unpaid amateur players. However it's important to ensure that the player isn't deemed 'professional' by the ECB



ANCESTRY VISA

Certain amateur and professional players from overseas may be eligible for this visa depending on various factors



YOUTH MOBILITY VISA

Amateur players can work on this visa (inc playing amateur cricket), however only citizens of certain nations can apply



TIER 5 VISA

This visa only applies to professional players who have played a certain number of professional games

COSTS

AMATEUR VS PROFESSIONAL

Costs vary for accommodation, flights & airport transfers depending on your location. Players salaries also vary depending on their experience, playing ability & professional status. Below are the typical costs that can be associated with signing either an amateur or professional overseas.

Amateur

- Player Salary (depending on visa type)
- National Insurance
- Accommodation
- Flights
- Airport Transfers
- Visa Application

Professional

- Player Salary
- National Insurance
- Accommodation
- Flights
- Airport Transfers
- Visa Application
- Coaching Course
- First Aid Course
- Safeguarding & Protecting Children Course
- Club Sponsor License



it is definitely worth

BUDGETING

Sit down and work out your fixed costs (such as accommodation). Can you house the overseas with a club member? Are you able to pick the player up from the airport yourself? Savings in these areas may leave you with a larger budget to sign higher quality players

LET'S DO THIS

Once you have sourced your accommodation, established your budget and have an idea on whether you would prefer an amateur or professional player to join your club for the forthcoming season, it's onto the exciting part - targeting your next overseas player.

STEP 1

You can contact players directly - however it is highly likely they will ask you speak to their agent.

Reaching out to an agency like Gravity Sports and asking which players are available, will ensure that you remain compliant with ECB rules & UK immigration laws as agents have a list of vetted players.

STEP 2

We will outline the costs of any available players based on your package, and suggest some suitable candidates.

We will then take an offer from yourselves to the player you're interested in, and if accepted we will outline all of the required documents that will need to be completed prior to their arrival in the UK.



PROCESS

feel free to

REACH OUT

Hopefully this guide has provided you with more of an idea about the requirements, costs & processes involved with signing an overseas cricketer. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions

