



England's Sophia Dunkley and Amy Jones during the Kia Super League. Photo: Getty Images

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ECB confirm Regional Retainers for domestic women's cricketers

The England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has today confirmed that up to 24 women's domestic cricketers will receive a Regional Retainer starting on June 1.

The eight Regions (outlined below) will recruit the players, who will adhere to strength and conditioning programmes and undertake certain online modules including anti-corruption and anti-doping education. They will also give some of their time for “good of the game” activities and appearances.

Managing Director of Women's Cricket, Clare Connor, said: "The momentum behind the women's game has been staggering in the last few years and it is still firmly our ambition to build on that.

"As we emerge from this pandemic, we believe even more strongly that cricket will be a sport that throws its arms around everyone – truly inclusive, diverse and a sport for modern Britain to be proud of.

"This was due to be the most exciting year in the game's history for our leading domestic players. A number of them would have been hoping to sign a full-time contract with one of our eight Regions this summer. While we still intend to award those full-time contracts in 2020, we want to try to support our players as much as we can until that point, hence the introduction of these Retainers to provide an interim solution.

"As the effects of COVID-19 on the rest of the summer and beyond become more apparent, we will continue to support our players to the best of our ability, and we promise them that our drive for a more gender-balanced sport remains vitally important."

Region	Regional Host + Partner Counties	Regional Director of Women's Cricket
North East	Yorkshire CCC, Durham CCC, Northumberland	James Carr
North West	Lancashire CCC, Cheshire, Cumbria	David Thorley
West Midlands	West Midlands Women's Cricket Ltd (NewCo – Warwickshire CCC & Worcestershire CCC), Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire	Laura MacLeod
East Midlands	Loughborough University, Derbyshire CCC, Leicestershire CCC, Nottinghamshire CCC, Lincolnshire,	Ian Read
South West and Wales	Western Storm Ltd (NewCo – Glamorgan CCC, Gloucestershire CCC and Somerset CCC), Cricket Wales, Cornwall, Devon, Wiltshire	Lisa Pagett
South Central	Southern Vipers Ltd (Hampshire Cricket Ltd), Sussex CCC, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire	Adam Carty
London and South East	Surrey CCC, Kent CCC	Richard Bedbrook
London and East	Middlesex CCC, Essex CCC, Northamptonshire CCC Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Suffolk	Danni Warren

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