



Sarah Taylor has bowed out of international cricket. Photo: Getty Images

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## Sarah Taylor Retires From International Cricket

England wicketkeeper Sarah Taylor has announced her retirement from international cricket.

The 30-year-old made her England debut in 2006, and has gone on to make 226 appearances, earning a reputation as one of the world's finest players.

Across that time she has scored 6,533 international runs - second on England Women's all-time list of run-scorers.

In addition, she will be remembered for her work behind the stumps. Nobody in the history of the women's game has effected more dismissals across all three formats than Taylor (232), but the manner and style of her wicketkeeping will outlive even the numbers.

In recent years Taylor's anxiety has affected her ability to enjoy the game, and it is for that reason that she has decided to step away from the international arena.

She said: "This has been a tough decision but I know it's the right one, for me and for my health moving forward. I can't thank my teammates enough, both past and present, and the ECB for being supporters and friends along my journey.

"Playing for England and getting to wear the shirt for so long has been a dream come true and I have been blessed with so many great moments throughout my career. From making my debut in 2006, to Ashes wins, and of course the World Cup final at Lord's, to name just a few.

"I've also been blessed with travelling the world and making lifelong friends along the way.

"To be right in the thick of women's cricket as it's gone from strength to strength - not only in England, but across the world - has been an amazing experience, and I can look back on what women's cricket has achieved with great pride at playing some small part in it.

"The England girls are role models on and off the field, and they have undoubtedly inspired - and will continue to inspire - so many young people to take up the game, girls and boys. I can't wait to see the heights that this team can reach.

"I am extremely proud of my career. I leave with my head held high and with excitement for what my future holds and what my next chapter brings."

**Clare Connor, Managing Director of Women's Cricket, said:** "Sarah can be immensely proud of everything she has achieved in an England shirt, and of everything she has done for the women's game.

"She is someone that young people can look up to, for her achievements and talent on the pitch – but also for her bravery and resilience off it. She has come through significant adversity and performed on the world stage for her country.

"We are very grateful to Sarah for her contributions to English cricket over the last 13 years. She has become a powerful voice within women's sport and I'm sure she will make a success of the next stage of her professional life. We all wish her the very best."

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