

# Esports Wales

## Player Eligibility & Registration Policy

**Status:** Board-approved policy

**Applies to:** All Players & Participants

**Owner:** Board of Directors

**Safeguarding Lead:** Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

**Integrity Lead:** Integrity & Ethics Lead

**Review cycle:** Annual

**Next review due:** 12 months from adoption

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### 1. Purpose

1.1 This policy sets out the **eligibility criteria and registration requirements** for players participating in activities, programmes, and competitions delivered, sanctioned, or recognised by **Esports Wales CIC** ("the Company").

1.2 It exists to:

- ensure fair, safe, and transparent participation
  - protect the integrity of competition
  - support safeguarding, welfare, and duty of care obligations
  - ensure accurate records and accountability
  - provide clarity for players, parents, clubs, and organisers
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### 2. Scope

2.1 This policy applies to:

- all players and participants



- all levels of participation (recreational, developmental, competitive)
- children, young people, and adults

2.2 It applies to:

- individual players
  - team-based participation
  - online, offline, and hybrid competitions
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### 3. Eligibility to Participate

3.1 To be eligible to participate in Esports Wales activity, players must:

- meet the eligibility criteria set for the relevant programme or competition
- complete the required registration process
- agree to comply with Esports Wales policies and Codes of Conduct

3.2 Eligibility criteria may include:

- age requirements
- residency or affiliation requirements (where applicable)
- compliance with safeguarding and integrity standards
- adherence to competition rules

3.3 Definition of a “Welsh Player”

For the purposes of eligibility, registration, and participation in Esports Wales recognised activity, **Esports Wales recognises a “Welsh Player” as an individual who meets one or more of the following criteria:**

A player will be recognised as Welsh if they:

- a) **Were born in Wales;** or
- b) **Have a parent or legal guardian who was born in Wales;** or



- c) **Have a grandparent who was born in Wales;** or
- d) **Have been ordinarily resident in Wales for a continuous period of five (5) years or more** immediately prior to registration; or
- e) **Are legally resident in Wales and can demonstrate a clear, ongoing connection to Wales,** subject to verification by Esports Wales where required.

### 3.3.1 Evidence & Verification

Where relevant, Esports Wales may request **reasonable evidence** to confirm eligibility, which may include (but is not limited to):

- proof of birth or family connection;
- proof of residency;
- official documentation or declarations.

### 3.3.2 Competition Specific Rules

Recognition as a Welsh Player under this policy **does not override:**

- competition specific eligibility rules;
- international federation regulations;
- nationality or residency requirements imposed by external organisers.

Eligibility to **represent Wales** in national or international competition is subject to:

- this policy; **and**
- the applicable competition or federation rules.

### 3.3.3 Changes in Circumstances

Players must notify Esports Wales if their circumstances change in a way that may affect eligibility.

Providing false or misleading information may result in:

- loss of eligibility;
- removal from competition;



- disciplinary action.
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#### **4. Age & Safeguarding Requirements**

4.1 Age requirements will be clearly stated for each programme or competition.

4.2 Players under the age of 18:

- must have appropriate **parental/carers consent** in place
- will be subject to additional safeguarding protections
- may be restricted from certain activities where age-appropriate

4.3 False or misleading information about age may result in:

- removal from competition
  - disciplinary or safeguarding action
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#### **5. Registration Requirements**

5.1 All players must complete the **Esports Wales registration process** before participating.

5.2 Registration may require:

- player identification details
- age verification
- parental/carers consent (where applicable)
- acceptance of relevant policies and Codes of Conduct

5.3 Registration information must be:

- accurate
- complete
- kept up to date



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## **6. Player Responsibilities**

6.1 Players are responsible for:

- providing truthful and accurate registration information
- notifying organisers of changes to eligibility or circumstances
- complying with all policies, rules, and Codes of Conduct

6.2 Failure to meet registration or eligibility requirements may result in:

- ineligibility to participate
  - suspension or removal from activity
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## **7. Multiple Registrations & Identity**

7.1 Players must not:

- register multiple accounts to gain unfair advantage
- impersonate another player
- allow others to compete using their registration

7.2 Account sharing or identity misuse may be treated as:

- a breach of competition rules
  - an integrity matter
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## **8. Fair Competition & Integrity**

8.1 Eligibility and registration processes exist to:

- ensure fair competition
- prevent manipulation or abuse



- protect legitimate participants

8.2 Breaches related to eligibility may also be considered under:

- integrity policies
  - anti-cheating or competition manipulation rules
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## **9. Data Protection & Confidentiality**

9.1 Player registration data will be:

- collected for legitimate purposes only
- stored securely
- accessed only by authorised individuals

9.2 Personal data will be handled in accordance with:

- data protection legislation
- Esports Wales record-keeping policies

9.3 Information will not be shared externally unless:

- required for safeguarding
  - required by law or regulation
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## **10. Registration Errors, Disputes & Appeals**

10.1 Where an eligibility or registration issue arises:

- Esports Wales may review the information provided
- the player (and parent/carer where appropriate) will be given the opportunity to respond

10.2 Disputes may be managed in line with:

- competition rules



- complaints or appeals procedures
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## **11. Breaches of This Policy**

11.1 Breaches of this policy may result in:

- refusal or removal of registration
- disqualification from competition
- suspension or banning
- disciplinary or governance action

11.2 Sanctions will be:

- proportionate
  - consistent
  - appropriate to age and context
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## **12. Roles & Responsibilities**

### **12.1 Board of Directors**

- holds ultimate responsibility for participation standards
- ensures appropriate policies and oversight

### **12.2 Competition Organisers / Officials**

- ensure eligibility requirements are applied consistently
- escalate concerns appropriately

### **12.3 Players & Parents/Carers**

- must provide accurate information
- must comply with eligibility and registration requirements



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### 13. Linked Policies & Procedures

This policy must be read alongside:

- **P0501 Player Code of Conduct**
- **P0215 Parental Consent & Communication Policy**
- **P0201 Safeguarding Policy Statement**
- **P0204 Duty of Care Policy**
- **P0301 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy**
- **P0401-0408 Integrity, Health & Wellbeing Policies**
- **P0117 Records Management Policy**

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### 14. Review

14.1 This policy shall be reviewed:

- annually
- following changes to competition structures or safeguarding requirements

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### 15. Adoption

This Player Eligibility & Registration Policy was approved by the Board of Directors of **Esports Wales CIC**.

**Date approved:** \_\_\_09/03/2026\_\_\_

**Signed (Chair):**\_\_\_  \_\_\_

