

LEAGUE ASSESSMENT

POINT-IN-TIME SNAPSHOT – 24 SEPT 2026

European T20 Premier League

26 Aug - 20 Sep 2026 | Inaugural season | Approved cricket / ICC NOC

PROVISIONAL

58.0 / 100

OVERALL RATING

Current WCA Leagues Hub score

PLAYER PAY

17.9 / 50

Economic benchmarking

Average + minimum player payment

PLAYER PROTECTIONS

40.1 / 50

Treatment + protections

Contracts, representation, safety + rights

Provisional = current assessment will be updated as first-season evidence becomes available.

SUMMARY OVERVIEW

Close to best practice for a new league in how it engages with players collectively

- Collective player representatives were involved before launch in shaping collectively negotiated agreements and key protections, rather than players simply receiving terms determined unilaterally.
- ETPL has a strong player-protection framework. Its overall score is moderated mainly by relative player pay, which is expected for an inaugural season, and should be read separately from the standards and behaviours within the leagues control.
- ETPL shows that a new league can build player engagement and protections into its foundations rather than retrofit them later. The framework is close to international best practice for an emerging league; the remaining test is consistent delivery through the inaugural season.

CURRENT STRENGTHS

- Collective player representation
- Right to organise respected
- Independent dispute resolution
- Strong commercial-rights model
- Constructive PA engagement from outset

GAPS / CONCERNS

- One-sided termination / extension rights

PENDING EVIDENCE

- Payment reliability through first cycle

ABOUT THE LEAGUES HUB

The Leagues hub was established in 2024 to evaluate each major league against a range of criteria identified by players, players' associations and agents as critical to professional standards and player welfare.

ETPL 2026 – DETAILED ASSESSMENT

SCORING ARCHITECTURE

PLAYER PAY

17.9 / 50

+

PLAYER PROTECTIONS

40.1 / 50

=

58 / 100

PLAYER PAY - 50 POINTS

Economic benchmark is not a proxy for league professionalism

METRIC	SCORE	ASSESSMENT BASIS	ETPL OVERVIEW
Average player payment	15.2 / 45	ESTIMATED	Est. US\$20,000/week vs US\$59,000 benchmark (33.9%).
Minimum player payment	2.7 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	US\$5,714/week vs US\$10,600 benchmark (53.9%).

INTERPRETATION

The pay score shows ETPL’s current economic position against the global benchmark. It should be read separately from the professionalism of the player framework.

PLAYER PROTECTIONS - 50 POINTS

Contracts, representation, security, rights + player experience

METRIC	SCORE	ASSESSMENT BASIS	ETPL OVERVIEW
Player / agent feedback	4.1 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	Post-event player / agent feedback rating: 4.1/5
Reliable player payment	3 / 5	PROVISIONAL	No issues reported to date; full payment cycle not yet proven.
Security review	5 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	Independent security verification completed; arrangements meet expected standard.
Right to organise	5 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	Players’ rights to organise and be independently represented / respected without interference.
Collective bargaining	5 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	Player agreements collectively negotiated with independent players’ associations.
Dispute resolution	5 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	Independent and accessible dispute mechanism.
Unilateral clauses	1 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	Material concern: organiser unilateral rights to terminate / extend agreements.
Other restrictions	3 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	No major unreasonable restrictions identified other than current gender opportunity imbalance
Commercial rights	5 / 5	HIGH CONFIDENCE	Strong player control / benefit over their own NIL, branding and commercial rights.
Player share of revenue	4 / 5	ESTIMATED	Estimated ~40% in year 1 vs ~50% global benchmark.

HIGH CONFIDENCE – Reliable evidence provides a strong basis for assessment.

ESTIMATED – Reasoned estimate where the underlying position is not directly known.

PROVISIONAL – Temporary assessment pending evidence expected to become available.

RIGHT TO ORGANISE – INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS

Players should be free to form, join and be represented by an independent players' association, act collectively and choose their representatives without interference, discrimination, threats or retaliation.

International Labour Organization 2026 Guidelines recognise the rights to freedom of association, to organize, and to collectively bargain as fundamental rights at work, applicable to all professional athletes, including cricketers.

Sources: WCA Leagues Hub; ETPL 2026 competition information; ETPL scoring workbook / player agreements; ILO athlete Guidelines (18 Mar 2026).