

Lanka Premier League

Player Draft Guide 2021



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Lanka Premier League Committee

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Introduction

The Lanka Premier League Player Draft Guide 2021 (hereinafter 'Guide') is issued by Sri Lanka Cricket with the aim of assisting the team / franchise owners and other stakeholders in selecting their teams effectively.

This guide is designed to address all possible aspects of the LPL Player Draft 2021.

Franchisees and other Stakeholders are advised to carefully read through this guide and be acquainted with the content thereof. Selection of Players for each franchise team will be done in accordance with the Draft and no deviation of this procedure will be accommodated unless otherwise reviewed and approved by the LPL Committee.

- A. This Guide outlines the 02nd edition of the squad selection process for Five (5) teams in the Lanka Premier League 2021.
- B. The Draft will take place in 2 stages and will consist of twenty (20) regular rounds as set out below:
 - i. Overseas Player Draft
 - ii. Local Player Draft
- C. Franchise Owners/Team Owners will not be permitted to skip any Player Selection Round and shall be required to select a player from each Category.
- D. Value of each Player will be as per the categorization submitted by the respective Player/Club during the Player Registration and Selection of each player for respective category shall deem that the value therein mentioned as unequivocally accepted by the Franchisee/Team Owner. Franchisee/Team Owner shall not be entitled to revise the value assigned for player applicable for each category in any manner whatsoever.
- E. The First Round will be the selection/announcement of a Player for the 'Icon Overseas Player Category' in which all teams will have the freedom to select or retain not more than one player outside the draft. In the event Franchisee/Team opts to renounce its right to select a player of its choice outside the draft as aforesaid, Franchisee/Team shall mandatory select a player for such category during the Draft.
- F. The Second Round will be the selection/announcement of a Player for the 'Icon Local Player Category' in which all teams will have the freedom to select or retain not more than one player outside the draft. In the event Franchisee/Team opts to renounce its right to select a player of its choice outside the draft as aforesaid, Franchisee/Team shall mandatory select a player for such category during the Draft.
- G. The Third Round will be the selection/announcement of a Player for the "Diamond Overseas Player Category" in which all teams will have the freedom to select or retain not more than one player outside

the draft. In the event Franchise/Team opts to renounce its right to select a player of its choice outside the draft as aforesaid, Franchise/Team shall mandatory select a player for such category during the Draft. .

- H. The Fourth Round will be the selection/announcement of a Player for the "Diamond Local player category" in which all teams will have the freedom to select or retain not more than one player outside the draft. In the event Franchise/Team opts to renounce its right to select a player of its choice outside the draft as aforesaid, Franchise/Team shall mandatory select a player for such category during the Draft. .
- I. For the purpose of this Draft,
- i. The ‘Overseas Player’ shall mean any player who is not a citizen of Sri Lanka and play and or take part in the game of Cricket in any country other than Sri Lanka and is recognized as such by their National Association.
 - ii. The ‘Local Player’ shall mean any player who is citizen of Sri Lanka and play and or take part in the game of Cricket in Sri Lanka.
- J. Selection and announcement of a player outside the Draft shall be supported by the proof thereof issued by the Player confirming his exclusive representation for the respective Franchisee/Team.

The Draft Flow is as follows

No. of Player	Round Number	Player Category	VALUE (in USD)
1	1	Icon Overseas	Pre Draft/ 60000
2	2	Icon Local	Pre Draft/ 60000
3	3	Diamond Overseas	Pre Draft/ 50000
4	4	Diamond Local	Pre Draft/ 50000
5	5	Gold Overseas - A	40000
6	6	Gold Overseas - B	25000
7	7	Gold Overseas - B	25000
8	8	Gold Local - A	40000
9	9	Gold Local -B	25000
10	10	Gold Local - B	25000
11	11	Classic Overseas	15000
12	12	Classic Local	15000
13	13	Classic Local	15000
14	14	Classic Local	15000
15	15	Emerging Local	10000
16	16	Emerging Local	10000
17	17	Supplementary Local I	3000
18	18	Supplementary Local II	3000
19	19	Supplementary Local III	3000
20	20	Supplementary Local IV	3000

K. Other terms and conditions applicable for the Player Selection/ Draft.

Retention of Overseas Players

- 1) Each Franchisee will be given an opportunity to retain 4 overseas players out from the total allocation of 6 Overseas Players (as per the following categories), which may be exercised at the discretion of the Franchise owners subject to the terms set out below.

- i. **Icon Overseas**
- ii. **Diamond Overseas**
- iii. Gold Overseas – A
- iv. Gold Overseas – B
- v. Gold Overseas – B
- vi. Classic Overseas

Terms

- A. Following categories of players will be eligible to retain under this clause.
 - a) One 'Icon Overseas' Player – only if selected out of the Draft
 - b) One 'Diamond Overseas' Player – only if selected out of the Draft
 - c) Two players who represented the respective team of the Franchisee during the last edition of the LPL (LPL 2020).
- B. In the event there are no players to be retained in compliance with the aforesaid clause, all the overseas players applicable for each category should be selected from the Draft.

Retention of Local Players

- 2) Each Franchisee will be given an opportunity to retain 4 Local players out from the total allocation of 14 Local Players (as per the following categories), which may be exercised at the discretion of the Franchise owners subject to the terms set out below.

- i. **Icon Local**
- ii. **Diamond Local**
- iii. Gold Local - A
- iv. Gold Local -B
- v. Gold Local - B
- vi. Classic Local
- vii. Classic Local
- viii. Classic Local
- ix. Emerging Local
- x. Emerging Local
- xi. Supplementary Local I
- xii. Supplementary Local II
- xiii. Supplementary Local III
- xiv. Supplementary Local IV

Terms

- C. Following categories of players will be eligible to retain under this clause.
- a) One 'Icon Local' Player – only if selected out of the Draft
 - b) One 'Diamond Local' Player – only if selected out of the Draft
 - c) Two players who represented the respective team of the Franchisee during the last edition of the LPL (LPL 2020).
- D. In the event there are no players to be retained in compliance with the aforesaid clause, all the local players applicable for each category should be selected from the Draft.
- 3) Notwithstanding anything contained herein, Franchisees must ensure that players who have been nominated by the National Selectors of Sri Lanka Cricket are accommodated and thereby included either one of the "Icon Local" or "Diamond Local" categories. (The list of players will be provided by the SLC before the drafts).
 - 4) Each Franchisee must notify LPL Tournament Committee/IPG in writing, three (3) days prior to the Draft, details of the players and their intended category whom such Franchisee wishes to be retained in terms of the foregoing clauses (Both Overseas and Local).
 - 5) Such notice shall be submitted together with the proof documents issued by each such player confirming his willingness to exclusively represent the Team of the respective Franchisee for the LPL 2021.
 - 6) During the Round 15 and 16 of the Draft, Teams are permitted to pick only the local Emerging players. An emerging player shall mean a Player of his age below 23 as of 01st December 2021 (Players who are born after 01st December 1998). Notwithstanding the age of a particular player is below 23, such player shall not be eligible to be picked under the 'Local Emerging' category if such player has represented Sri Lanka in Test, ODI, or T20 formats in International Cricket. Provided however, this rule shall not apply to players who were part of national squads and not made debut for Sri Lanka on or before 01st January 2021.
 - 7) Due to unavailability of icon or diamond there should be player replacement by the consent of LPL Committee.
 - 8) Franchise/Team owners shall have no right to draft overseas and local players into any other category other than the relevant category drafted at the preferred rate confirmed by such players.
 - 9) At the conclusion of the Draft, each Franchisee/Team must have at least a maximum of 20 players on its squad & all of whom shall be considered as the active members of the squad. Six (06) of which shall be Overseas players whilst the remainder shall be local Players.
 - 10) Events such as replacements due to player injuries or sudden withdrawals due to personal reasons should be managed within the originally drafted (selected) squad of 20 players.

L. Squad Combination

- 1) At any given time, a playing eleven (XI) must include a minimum of Two (2) Overseas players and may include a maximum of Four (4) overseas players.

M. Player Eligibility

- 1) **Icon & Diamond** overseas players entering into the Lanka Premier League 2021 Player Draft must be a registered cricketer within his relevant National Cricket Federation/Board or have represented his country at International cricket and must have a great repute as a globally renowned cricket player. All Icon & Diamond players who seek permission to enter the LPL 2021 Draft, are subjected to LPL Tournament Committee/IPG approval.
- 2) All other overseas players entering the LPL 2021 Draft must have at least played in either international cricket or Major T20 franchise base cricket which is conducted / controlled / organized / structured by a Full or Associate Member of ICC.
- 3) The Lanka Premier League Tournament Committee/IPG at its discretion may consider including additional Players the LPL 2021 Draft who had participated in the last edition of the LPL (LPL 2020).

N. Pick Order

- 1) Selection order of the Players in the Lanka Premier League - Player Draft 2021 will be done randomly and a pick order will be shared before the Draft date.
- 2) Each team will be given up to two minutes to submit their picks during the Diamond and Gold rounds (i.e. Player Number 3 to 10).
- 3) Up to Two minutes will be given for Classic & Emerging categories. (i.e. Player Number 11th to 16th)
- 4) Up to 90 seconds will be given for Supplementary rounds. (i.e. Player Number 17th to 20th)
- 5) If a team fails to submit the player so picked within the stipulated time, the next team on the pick order shall make its pick.
- 6) The team that exceeds the time limit shall then pick last in that particular round and additional 30 seconds will be given for same.
- 7) The Lanka Premier League Tournament Committee may allow reasonable extension to the time limits in case of technical delays.

In any matter for which no specific rule and or provision has been laid down by this Guideline, the decision of the Lanka Premier League Tournament Committee shall be final and conclusive on all such matters unless revised or amended by the LPL Governing Council.

The headings contained herein are included for the convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Guideline and any ambiguity or Any question of interpretation of any term or provision of this guideline shall be determined exclusively by the Lanka Premier League Tournament Committee and All the Franchisees and Stakeholders shall be subject to the exclusive authority of the said Tournament Committee in relation to any subject matter herein formulated.

The Lanka Premier League Tournament Committee shall have the exclusive power and authority to provide clarifications, add terms and conditions, rescind and or nullify the provisions of this Guideline as may deem necessary which however shall be without prejudice to the actions which were already taken by the Franchisees in accordance with the terms hereof.

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