**Relegation from Counties 1 and below Leagues (Potential Cascade Effect)**

A total of 32 clubs will usually be relegated from Counties 1 at the end of each season in accordance with *Regulation 6, Appendix 2, Paragraph 4.*

Two factors determine how this regulation is applied:

1. The number of clubs relegated from Regional Leagues into Counties 1s. Clubs are relegated into the relevant Counties 1league consistent with their CB affiliation (for league purposes).
2. Which of the Counties 1leagues provide the 6 x promoted runners-up by virtue of finishing in second place to a Lower XV and/or Best Playing Record. This will reduce the relegation from each of those leagues by a single club.

The potential relegation ranges from Counties 1 for the 2024-25 season:

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| **2022-23** | **2023-24** | **Counties One  Leagues** | **Potential Relegation 2024-25** | |
| **Actual Number relegated** | | **Max.** | **Min.** |
| 0 | 1 | Tribute Western West | 3 | 0 |
| 2 | 3 | Tribute Western North | 7 | 0 |
| 3 | 3 | Tribute Southern South | 5 | 0 |
| 5 | 2 | Tribute Southern North | 7 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | Herts/Middx | 3 | 0 |
| 1 | 3 | Eastern Counties | 3 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | Essex | 4 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | Kent | 3 | 0 |
| 0 | 3 | Surrey/Sussex | 6 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | Hampshire | 3 | 0 |
| 2 | 2 | Midlands West (North) | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | Midlands West (South) | 3 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | Midlands East (North) | 3 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | Midlands East (South) | 3 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | ADM Lancashire/Cheshire | 4 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | Cumbria | No relegation – bottom league | |
| 3 | 1 | Yorkshire | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | Durham/Northumberland | 3 | 0 |
| **32** | **32** |  |  |  |

The number of clubs relegated from a Counties 1 league may not be known until the last day of the season.

The impact of relegation from Counties 1 will impact leagues in the playing levels below.