

DERBYSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION

Safeguarding Newsletter



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Welcome to the Safeguarding and Welfare Newsletter.

Introduction

This newsletter will provide you with information and advice that is relevant to your club and the safeguarding of your members.

In the newsletter we try and keep you up to date with developments and changes in the safeguarding aspect of cricket, particularly in Derbyshire.

County Safeguarding Officer

The County Safeguarding Officer is Angela Gregson, who can offer support and guidance for anyone who has concerns about safeguarding. Angela is supported by the Deputy County Safeguarding Officer, Mick Glenn.

Angela is a tutor for face-to-face Safe Hands training courses with Jon Dyson.

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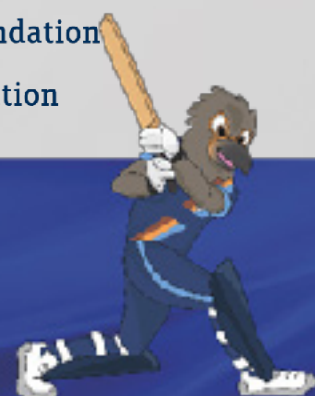
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Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks and Application Information

To ensure DBS application are successfully processed, please see below for important information:

- DBS applications should be under the applicants' full legal name. An alias or shortened version of names e.g., Tom instead of Thomas, will not be accepted.
- Any certificate issued which is not in the applicant's full name is invalid and a new application will need to be made. This can result in a period of temporary suspension from their regulated role in cricket.
- Please check an applicant's full legal name before initiating or carrying out a verification.
- Once the applicant enters their documents, they should be encouraged to have the application verified promptly as any documents used that need to be dated within the last 3 months could have passed that time. If this happens the application will need to be cancelled and started again.
- The Safe Hands Management System requires the name to match the name on the DBS certificate so that it can be matched to confirm the person is compliant for their role.

There is a helpdesk function within the system, or you can contact Angela or Mick for advice.

Captains and Vice-Captains

Just a reminder that all open age captains and vice-captains **MUST** have a current DBS at the start of the season. This includes any friendly teams in the club.

This DBS must be through the ECB vetting process and not through work or any other agency.

We recommend that all vice-captains are vetted as things can change in the season – injury/holidays/change of work – that means the captain is no longer in the team.

This is an ECB requirement and must be adhered to. The application lists the role as captain and not vice-captain.


DBS Verifier


Most clubs have their own verifier, and this has helped in ensuring that DBS's are current.

If you are not a verifier, or another member of the club wishes to assist you, please contact Angela or Mick and we can initiate it.

A current ECB DBS is required to become a verifier.

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DBS Update Service

It is recommended that all your members who require an ECB DBS join the DBS Update Service, so they do not have to apply for a new DBS check each year. This service keeps their DBS certificate up to date, which means that when the ECB need to recheck their DBS status, they can carry out a quick, online status check to see if anything has changed on their certificate. They can join the Update Service during the application or once their certificate has been issued.

Once a DBS Certificate has been issued, the ECB will invite the applicant to register their certificate to the update service so that it can be rechecked/renewed annually. The applicant will receive three reminders to join the update service, after that they are automatically opted out.

The ECB do not give clearance for 3 years. The cost to registering to the Update Service is free to volunteers, £13 per annum for those in paid roles. This fee is paid directly to the DBS Update Service (online) when registering and renewing the subscription.

Contact email from ECB to renew DBS

Whether a person is on the update service or not, a person will receive an email notification directly from the ECB from the email address dbs@ecb.disclosures.co.uk. This will be approx. 1 month before their renewal date (every year) asking them to log into the DBS portal to consent to their recheck and complete their annual confirmation of their role/club/contact details. This must be done if in a paid role or a volunteer. If they have not logged in and consented/reconfirmed their details, then their renewal will not take place. Their ECB DBS clearance will expire on their renewal date.

Contact email from the DBS Update Service

This is external to the ECB. The DBS Update Service will also email a person from the email address dbs.update.service@notifications.service.gov.uk as a person's account is personally registered to them. To maintain their registration, if they are in a paid role, they will need to log in to pay their annual fee of £13. If they are a volunteer, they will also receive an annual subscription email but as they are not required to pay, they do not need to do anything with this email.

Further information and FAQ's can be found [HERE](#)

DBS Changes

The ECB have reviewed the use of several categories on the DBS site which has resulted in the changes below. More information on safer recruitment can be found [HERE](#)


Removed roles:


Coach Support Worker
Coaching Ambassador
First Aid Responder
Juniors / Colts Manager
Masseur

Amended roles:

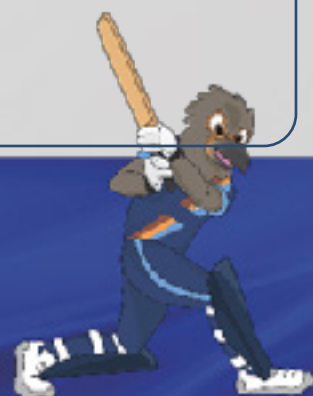
Junior Team Manager amended to Age Group Team Manager

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Updated Minimum Requirement for Club Safeguarding Officers (CSO) and Training

Most clubs have a CSO, but best practice would be to have at least two, one of whom would ideally be a female. CSO's require:

- Current ECB DBS
- Attend a Safe Hands workshop every 3 years whilst in role
- Complete a Safeguarding workshop every 3 years whilst in role– Safeguarding Protecting Children (SPC) or Sports Coach UK or preferably the new online ECB online Safeguarding for Specialist Multiple Roles course – details below.

Any questions on the requirements please contact Angela or Mick.

Safeguarding for Specialist Multiple Roles course:

The ECB has created a new online safeguarding course with sections relevant to different roles in cricket.

The old 'Safeguarding Young Cricketers' Course (or SYC) has been removed and replaced by a new online course, 'Safeguarding for Specialist Multiple Roles' (or SSR). This new course is a direct replacement, although it is a slightly different format to previously. The new course has two elements, the generic SSR (think of this as 80% of the course), with a top additional element (think of this as the 20% top up). Completing both elements means that you have the 100% needed to complete the Safeguarding Course.

The roles or top-up elements are:

- Safeguarding For Captains and Team Managers
- Safeguarding For Committee Members and Club Safeguarding Officers
- Safeguarding For Umpires and Scorers
- Safeguarding For Coaches and Activators – access given when registered on an ECB coaching course.

The course is free and should take 60-75 minutes for both sections. It will need to be repeated every 3 years as the previous courses – SPC or Sports Coach UK. An individual will only need to do the new course once their SYC/SPC expires.

If a club member has more than one role in a club, they only need to complete one top-up element, and can choose which (choose the role that they do mostly). If anyone wishes to complete more than one top up, they can, but that is not required.


When the course is completed, a certificate will be issued to print.


For those with an ECB e-learning account simply log onto your [ECB eLearning account](#). You will see the 'Safeguarding for Specialist Multiple Roles' (SSR) course listed. The top-up elements will be greyed out, these will only become available once the SSR has been completed.

If you have forgotten your log on details, contact elearning@ecb.co.uk and they will send you a reminder. If you registered for a Safe Hands course in 2023 you should have received a link.

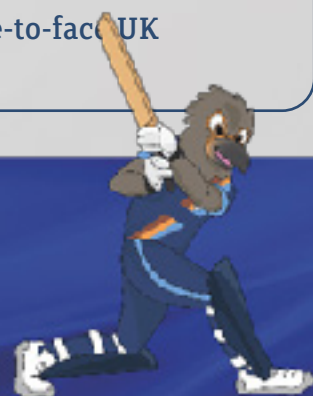
Overseas coaches who have a recognised qualification but no SPC - must attend a face-to-face UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children course.

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Anti-Discrimination Training Module

In November 2021, the ECB, all 39 County Cricket Boards/Foundation and the 18 First Class County Clubs committed to a wide-ranging 12-point action plan to tackle racism and promote inclusion and diversity at all levels of the game. The plan has been developed jointly by the ECB, MCC, the PCA, NCCA Ltd, the First Class Counties, Women's Regional Hosts and the Recreational County Cricket network, as a game-wide response to issues of discrimination within the game.

The plan includes the adoption of a game-wide Anti-Discrimination Code, and commits to providing training and education to players, volunteers, and the cricket workforce across the recreational game. The ECB have now developed a 30 minute online Anti-Discrimination training module for the recreational game, with the aim of creating better awareness and understanding of the different types of discrimination and issues people may experience in the game.

The Derbyshire Cricket Foundation (DCF) are working with key stakeholders in the game, to encourage as many people as possible to complete the training. This training is clearly only the start of a journey to raise awareness and understanding on this subject, and the DCF will be taking other steps to help clubs and leagues continue to provide welcoming environments, which are free of any form of discrimination.

As a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO) you may be a point of contact at your club for members who have either witnessed discrimination or may have experienced it themselves. We therefore recommend you complete the online Anti-Discrimination module.

Should you have any difficulties in accessing the online training please let us know.

The course can be accessed [HERE](#)

'It's our game, not yours.'

This video shows several children involved in different sports describing how the behaviour of parents and spectators deteriorates when they wear their 'magic sports kit' – that is, when they compete.

The young people talk about a range of bad adult behaviours and how these negatively affect them. They then describe and promote positive behaviour.

This would be ideal to screen at a pre-season junior meeting or to send to parents/members prior to the season starting. It is shown as part of the Safe Hands training and reflects all sports not just cricket.

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/resource-library/videos/my-magic-sports-kit>

Please let us know what you think about this newsletter and if there were any items you would like to see in future issues.

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