



Safeguarding Newsletter December 2023

Cricket Regulator

As you may have read, the ECB has set up the cricket regulator in response to the ICEC report and as its broader responsibility to regulatory functions across the game. The Safeguarding team, Anti-discrimination Unit and Integrity team have been included in this. We understand that this may cause some concern as to how this change may impact on our relationship with you, and the work we have done together. However, please be reassured that our commitment to working alongside you to deliver the highest standards of support across the county network does not change with this move. Our working relationship with regards to safeguarding support and advice will be the same as it has always been. The ECB Safeguarding Team main email address has now changed to safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

Please update your websites, out of office replies and any paperwork that refers to the old account.

Safe Hands Guidance and new Safeguarding Club Policy Template

As you will be aware from our October newsletter, the ECB Safeguarding Team have been reviewing and updating the Safe Hands Policy, Guidance and Templates.

This has been a significant piece of work which has been undertaken over the last 6 months ensuring we provide consistent guidance on topics which sat in the Safe Hands Policy. This was achieved by the support of the whole cricket network including recreational clubs and County Safeguarding Officers.

The ECB Safe Hands Policy has been updated and approved by the ECB Board; this is available by visiting <https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/policies-and-procedures>

We are delighted to inform you we are now able to launch the first batch of these documents and templates, you can find these online on the ECB website from today. We are still progressing further guidance and templates which will be available early in the new year, we will of course update you further once these have been released.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/kit-bag-resources>

One of the most significant changes we have made is around the requirement for recreational clubs to hold a safeguarding policy. We are now asking clubs to complete the Safeguarding Policy Statement which asks them to agree to Safe Hands being the single safeguarding policy for the game. This will hopefully be seen as a positive step forward, to reduce the workload for our volunteer Club Safeguarding Officers and provide consistency across our club network.

Scorers - Change to DBS Requirements

The ECB have been reviewing the role of Scorer against the requirements of DBS, taking into consideration the role definition and the legal definition of Regulated Activity. We undertake these reviews, on all roles, to ensure we are working within and not in breach of any legal requirements. Following our most recent review, it has been concluded that the role of Scorer does not meet the legal requirements for an Enhanced DBS.

In short, when an individual is contacted for their annual DBS recheck, they will need to complete a questionnaire via a link provided. They will be asked to select the most appropriate role/ options from the drop-down menu. Depending on their answers, they will receive confirmation as to whether their DBS can be renewed for their remaining role/s in cricket or their DBS can be lapsed in line with the changes.

If an individual is not registered to the Update Service but wishes to continue in Cricket in another role that is in regulated activity, then a new application will be required.

Scorers will still be required to undertake the online Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (eLearning training every 3 years) and are encouraged to follow other safeguarding best practice guidance, such as not being alone with a child, following the rule of two.

Safeguarding for Specialist Multiple Roles (eLearning)

As a reminder Safeguarding for Specialist Multiple Roles has now replaced Safeguarding Young Cricketers. To complete the course all learners should complete the main module, titled Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (80%) and one of the bolt on modules (20%) relevant to their role.

- Safeguarding for Committee Members (Safeguarding Officers should complete this course and this course is added to them automatically when signing up for a Safe Hands course)
- Safeguarding for Coaches & Activators
- Safeguarding for Captains & Team Managers
- Safeguarding for Umpires & Scorers

If an individual has more than one role in cricket, they should choose their primary role first but are welcome to complete additional bolt on modules for any additional roles.

These courses can be accessed from the Bucks Cricket website [Safeguarding Courses \(bucks.cricket.co.uk\)](https://bucks.cricket.co.uk/safeguarding-courses)

When completing the training it is important that the grey bar at the top of the screen has turned completely red for each section. If you skip to the end of the course without each section being fully completed, then a certificate to download/print will not become available.

DBS and Vetting Update

The Non UK Resident Vetting form has been updated for 2024 and is now available on the ECB website, <https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/safer-recruitment>

The new Governing Body Endorsement version is also available, <https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/regulations/overseas>