

Safeguarding News & information



Return to Cricket – Is your club ready?

Everyone involved in delivering cricket to children, young people and adults has a role to play in creating the best possible environment for them and it's been no different in "lockdown". Despite Covid19, most clubs have been keen to put plans in place for when cricket started again, including conducting DBS checks, completing online Safe Hands training and reporting concerns.

Return to Face to Face DBS ID – 14th July 2020



As you know changes were made to the DBS procedure, which prevented club verifiers to initiate and verify DBS applications. **As of Tuesday 14th July 2020**, face to face verification is resuming. Guidance has been sent to all club welfare officers and key club contacts for circulation. All club verifiers should have had access to their ECB DBS accounts automatically restored, so the verification process can take place. *As a verifier it is your choice whether you feel comfortable to carry out the face to face ID check.* All clubs need to assess which people are in roles of "regulated activity" and need a DBS check. Without a current ECB DBS certificate issued, the person **CANNOT** perform the role.

Open Age cricket – 2020 season

Due to the significant delay to the 2020 season, there will be no junior county selection or county age group cricket, as a result any junior wanting to play in open age cricket for the remainder of the 2020 season **will have to be in Year 8 or above** to comply with ECB Guidance in the Safe Hands policy guidance and league rules.

Safe Hands webinars – Club Welfare Officers



Safe Hands workshops, which are specific training sessions for new and existing club welfare officers (CWO) started in June. Normally delivered face to face, but in lockdown a series of webinars are being delivered centrally by the ECB Safeguarding team. All CWO's who are new to the role or existing CWO's who need refresher training should have received an email from the ECB Safeguarding team, if not please contact Julie Rafferty.

Free online Mental Health in Sport training



UK Coaching, in conjunction with Mind, Sport England and other partners are offering "Mental Health Awareness for Sport & Physical Activity" online training for free until 31st August 2020 for volunteers in sport. Click on the attached link to access the training

<https://www.ukcoaching.org/courses/learn-at-home/mental-health-awareness-for-sport-and-physical-act>

This is a great online course and well worth completing if you are a volunteer in any sport.