

Safeguarding News

ECB Safeguarding Team Updates



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Welcome to the December update from the Safeguarding Team.

As we near the end of the year, here are some updates for you which include progress of existing projects and news regarding events planned for early next year. This newsletter will cover the following:-

- Cricket Regulator
- Safe Hands Guidance including new Safeguarding Club Policy template
- Scorers – Change to DBS requirement
- Smartsheet for Low Level Concerns
- Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (eLearning)
- DBS and Vetting update
- ECB Safeguarding Conference
- Safe Hands Tutor event
- Ashleigh's baby news
- Christmas message

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.

Please note if you would like to contact any of the team our email addresses are now firstname.lastname@cricketregulator.co.uk

The Safeguarding Team main e-mail 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.

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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.

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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.

Here is a link to further information, FAQ's and a flowchart which will provide more information and hopefully answer any queries you may have.

[Scorers - Change to DBS requirement.pdf](#)

[FAQ's Scorers Change to DBS requirements.pdf](#)

[ECB DBS Scorer Process Document.pdf](#)

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 (SSR) 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.

Thank you to those of you who were able to join one of the calls regarding the change to DBS requirements for Scorers. Here is a link to the recording of that session..

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ncl93YxOGRwwccwLELbgqE0pGiwuu3SR/view?usp=drive_link

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Smartsheet for Low Level Concerns

The deadline for inputting your historic data from 2022/2023 has now passed. Thank you to those of you who have shared information into your Smartsheet workspaces.

We have had a meeting to review and make amendments to Smartsheet based on improvements we have identified and recommendations you have provided. These changes are underway in the background, they won't impact upon you continuing to use the system.

We will be in contact again in the New Year to share details of the improvements made, to provide you with some information you may want to share with Clubs ahead of new season and to send out the updated Low Level Concerns Policy template.

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.

County Boards should administer these courses on C-Vent and have the registration links available on their individual websites.

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.

Tip – Hover your cursor on the bar at the top of each section at the point where it goes from red to grey. This will show tabs of all the items. The reds are complete, but the white ones haven't been opened.

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DBS and Vetting Update

Thank you to Elaine and Mick for the informative video answering your DBS questions. For anyone who missed it, here is the [link](#).

The new Non-UK Resident Vetting form has been updated for 2024 and is now available on the [ECB website](#).

The new Governing Body Endorsement version is also [live](#)

ECB Safeguarding Conference

We are delighted to be able to announce that an annual Safeguarding Conference for County Safeguarding Officer's will be going ahead on Friday 22nd March 2024.

We have a change of venue for 2024!!!

We will be providing overnight accommodation, evening meal and breakfast at the Edgbaston Park Hotel on Thursday 21st March 2024 for those that wish to join us.

<https://www.edgbastonparkhotel.com/>
53 Edgbaston Park Rd, Birmingham B15 2RS

The conference itself will take place just down the road at Edgbaston Stadium.

Please Save the Date!!

Further information will be provided in the New Year.



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Ashleigh's baby news

We are delighted to announce that Ashleigh and Charlie welcomed baby Elodie into the world on the 8th November, weighing 7lbs 6oz.

Mum, Dad and daughter are all doing well.

Christmas Shutdown

As previous years the ECB will be closed from Wednesday 20th December until Wednesday 3rd January. This will include the safeguarding team; we would ask that you follow normal out of hours responses during this time.

Christmas message

As we look forward to the new year, this newsletter highlights a number of projects and pieces of work that the Safeguarding team are working hard to deliver for the wider cricket network.

There are some new projects which we will be pleased to share and announce in the first quarter of 2024, which the team will continue to lead centrally for you to deliver across your organisations. We will continue to provide advice and guidance as we collectively strive to deliver the Safeguarding Strategy for the game.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued hard work and contributions. Safeguarding is an area of our organisations that can go unrecognised but is vitally important in keeping everyone safe in our sport.

Best wishes to you all for the festive period and have a happy and peaceful 2024.

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Safeguarding Referral Form
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/share-a-concern>