



CHESHIRE CRICKET BOARD

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2026

Working together to create safe, inclusive and enjoyable cricket



1 CHANGING ROOMS & SOCIAL MEDIA



CHANGING ROOMS

- ✓ No U18s changing with O18s
- ✓ Time slots allocated
- ✓ No mixing of genders
- ✓ With younger age groups consider adult supervision (rule of 2)
- ✓ No mobile phones
- ✓ Reasonable adjustments for transgender players to suit their needs



SOCIAL MEDIA & USE OF PHOTOS

- ✓ Have separate social media accounts for cricket club and personal use
- ✓ Keep photos and personal information private
- ✓ Apply all relevant Codes of Conduct and professionalism when online
- ✓ Obtain consent before posting any personal information online, including identifiable photos
- ✓ Follow the 'picture/no name' guidance for children (U18s)
- ✓ Social media provides benefits but also risks; all members should use it responsibly.

2 REPORTING LOW LEVEL CONCERNS

Low-level safeguarding concerns can be reported using the ECB reporting form:



Examples may include:

- ✓ Poor professional boundaries
- ✓ Inappropriate language
- ✓ Unprofessional conduct
- ✓ Behaviour causing discomfort or concern



Early reporting helps clubs identify patterns, provide support and maintain safe environments for all participants.

If in doubt – report it.

3 FAST BOWLER WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT

The ECB Recreational Cricket Safety Guidelines (Dec 2025) recommend age-appropriate limits for fast bowlers. Clubs, coaches and parents should monitor workloads carefully to reduce injury risk.

MAXIMUM OVERS PER SPELL AND PER DAY

AGE IN YEARS	MAX OVERS PER SPELL	MAX OVERS PER DAY
11 and below	4	8
12 & 13	5	10
14 & 15	5	12
16 & 17	6	15
18 & 19	7	18



**Monitor.
Manage.
Protect.**

Smart workload today, stronger bowlers tomorrow.

RECOMMENDED WEEKLY BOWLING LOADS

AGE IN YEARS	TARGET OVERS PER WEEK
11 and below	12 – 16
12 & 13	16 – 20
14 & 15	20 – 24
16 & 17	22 – 26
18 & 19	24 – 28

ADDITIONAL ECB GUIDANCE



In any 7-day period:

- ✓ Maximum of 4 bowling days
- ✓ Only bowling max of 2 days in a row

4 NEUROINCLUSIVE COACHING

Neuroinclusive coaching recognises and celebrates cognitive diversity. Inclusive approaches strengthen relationships, learning and performance within teams.



WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone aged 16 and over wanting to develop a more inclusive and responsive coaching style.



COMMITMENT

The micro-learning takes approximately 20–25 minutes to complete via ECB e-learning.

KEY THEMES

- ✓ **Strengths-based lens** – seeing neurodivergence as difference, not deficit
- ✓ **Environments that work for everyone** – adapting communication, session design and feedback
- ✓ **Voice and choice** – creating shared ownership and autonomy
- ✓ **Practical inclusion strategies** – small, actionable adjustments that make a big difference in participation and engagement.



NEUROINCLUSIVE COACHING MICRO E-LEARNING



5 CRIME & POLICING ACT 2026 – IMPLICATIONS FOR CRICKET CLUBS



CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2026

What Club Safeguarding Officers Need to Know

1 DBS & SAFE RECRUITMENT

- Enhanced vetting
- Children's Banned List Checks
- New right to verify in practice
- Follow existing ECB safer recruitment procedures

2 PARTNER HELPERS & ALL STARS ACTIVATIONS

- Parents can help for up to 3 sessions without a DBS check
- After that point – 3 combined sessions, DBS required
- ADULT HELPER role must apply for and ECB DBS check immediately

3 MANDATORY REPORTING

- Legal duty to report child sexual abuse concerns.
- ↓
- Coach discloses abuse Report to CSO
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- CSO escalates to County Safeguarding Officer
- ↓
- CSO refers to Statutory Agencies

4 NEW INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Everyone comes onscreen if they are onscreen. Full 16 to escalation help.

5 TRAINING UPDATE

Mandatory reporting training for safeguarding volunteers.

6 WIDER CHANGES

Include new wider safeguarding offences under new criminal offences (CCC, VAWG and more).



ONE TAKEAWAY: Reporting pathways have not changed – Familiarise yourself with existing processes and escalation routes.

New legislation introduces changes to DBS eligibility and mandatory reporting requirements. Most cricket clubs are already meeting these requirements through existing ECB safeguarding processes.

WHAT CLUBS NEED TO KNOW

- A legal duty to report child sexual abuse concerns for those in regulated activity.
- Reports must be made to the Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO) who escalates to the County Safeguarding Officer (CSO).
- The CSO ensures referral to statutory agencies where required.
- Everyone has a responsibility to report – do not assume someone else will.
- Follow existing reporting pathways immediately and ensure you are trained (SGCL 3 Safe Hands Training).

See the full infographic (left) for more detail on key changes.



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