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FOR CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Working towards safeguarding best practice for all recreational cricket clubs in Somerset.

Make sure that as CSO you are fully qualified for the role.

- A current DBS from the ECB in place (ideally signed up to the update service).
- ECB Online Safeguarding course completed - Safeguarding for Committee Members and Club Safeguarding Officers
- Attendance at an in-person ECB Safe Hands course within 3 years.

Further details and how to access the above qualifications can be found here.

Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)

As CSO you should either be the nominated club administrator for SHMS or have a good working relationship with the club administrator.

Ensure SHMS is accurate and regularly reviewed with all volunteers and roles updated on the system with qualifications and DBS checks in place, prior to the start of the season.

Further information about SHMS can be found here.

SHMS Club contact at the SCF:
Ben Osborne - ben.osborne@somersetcricketfoundation.org

Safeguarding policy statement & policies

The ECB's 'Safeguarding Policy Statement' & all appropriate Safeguarding policies have been formally adopted by the club in a committee meeting & this is clear in the minutes.

The new ECB Safeguarding Policy statement can be found here.

Policies & Code of conduct

Key policies and appropriate Codes of Conduct for players, juniors, parents and spectators are in place and communicated within your club network.

See England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) website for further guidance on:
Policies and Templates.

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DBS Checks

Ensure that all volunteers involved in 'regulated activity' in the club have current DBS checks & receive appropriate briefings from the CSO.

Somerset Cricket Foundation has guidance on DBS requirements in Cricket and Safeguarding training, with further information available here.

This can be monitored and checked through your club SHMS portal.

Ensure all Team Captains & Vice-Captains are DBS checked immediately on appointment.

The CSO should brief all captains, coaches, junior managers and other relevant roles to ensure they understand their responsibilities and how to respond to safeguarding concerns.

Safegaurding Culture

Key committee members should complete the necessary online ECB training (this is voluntary not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged by SCF), with further information and how to book available here.

Safeguarding should be on every committee agenda and the CSO should be a committee member – There is always something can be done to improve your club safeguarding provision.

Club Safeguarding Officers should be proactive within the club & visible to those holding key roles as well as children, parents, members, players & spectators.

Reporting a Concern

Ensure members, volunteers and players (Junior & Senior) know 'How to Report a Concern' within your club environment.

For guidance the SCF reporting pathway can be found here.

Other Reporting Options:

ECB Safeguarding Team:
020 7432 1200 or safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

NSPCC: on 0808 800 5000

Childline: on 0800 11110

Further information

When in doubt or in need of guidance, contact Brian Hoyle Safeguarding Manager & County Safeguarding Officer: 07435 503658 or brian.hoyle@somersetcricketfoundation.org