

**SAFEGUARDING MATTERS**

**April 2025**

**Ensuring cricket in Cambridgeshire is a**

**welcoming, safe, inclusive and enjoyable sport for young and old.**

**NOT LONG NOW!!**

So at last we find ourselves in April which for many of us means cricket starts this month, many of you will of course have been busy through much of the past few months doing all of that important work behind the scenes to get your clubs ready for the summer ahead.

I wanted to get another newsletter out ahead of the new season as there are some key messages to share to ensure clubs are ready and compliant. Some of these messages are repeats from the last bulletin and some are new.

In my last newsletter I asked for each reader to acknowledge receipt by emailing me at [safeguarding@cambscricket.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cambscricket.org.uk), rather disappointingly I only received around 20 responses (out of over 80 clubs) to this request. To add to this I have then over the past few weeks had emails asking questions about issues, the answers to which were in my newsletter from February eg. DBS changes.

I know you are all volunteers and busy people but the point of this newsletter is to help you in your roles. I have again sent this to not just Club Safeguarding Officers but also the main club contacts according to affiliation details as I want the messaging to reach wider than CSOs.

**There is again some really important content in this newsletter that needs actioning and sharing.**

**Please take the time to read and digest and share the relevant messages with your committees and members.**

\*\*\*\*\*\* Look out for an opportunity in this newsletter to win some Mr Cricket vouchers. \*\*\*\*\*\*

This edition:

* Safe Hands workshops date- LAST CHANCE IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE!!
* NEW Safeguarding Level 2 E-learning
* Changes to the DBS process for volunteers
* Safe Hands Management System
* New Recreational Cricket Safety regulations- juniors in open age cricket & fast bowling regulations
* What do you need from me?

**\*\*\*Safe Hands Workshop - last chance to attend\*\*\***

For your club to be compliant with Safeguarding guidance and therefore affiliated and allowed to play league cricket you must have a qualified Club Safeguarding Officer. They must have a current ECB DBS, have completed Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (SSR) OR the new, since last week, Safeguarding Level 2 (SGL2) E-learning and also attended a Safe Hands workshop both within the last three years.

The workshops are a face to face 3 hour session with myself that cover the importance of safeguarding in our game and the role of the club safeguarding officer. The sessions are interactive and also a good opportunity to meet with and learn from peers in the same role. The last chance to attend a Safe Hands workshop in Cambridgeshire is on **1st May at Over**. Follow the link below to get booked on.

[Safeguarding training | Cambridgeshire Cricket Limited](https://www.cambscricket.org.uk/safeguarding-training/)

**Safeguarding level 2 (sgl2) training now available**

Online SSR training is one of the pre-requisites for a Club Safeguarding Officer along with attending a Safe Hands workshop (as above) and a DBS check.

Last week the new SGL2 E-learning was launched which replaces SSR. This course is mandated for Coaches/Activators, Scorers and Club Safeguarding Officers. It is also highly recommended that your committee members and officials (team managers, captains etc..) also undertake this training. They all have a legal responsibility to safeguard within the club environment. The training takes less than an hour. Follow the link below to register for the course if your SSR has expired or if you need this as your first course.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/zZMmRl>

**Please note** there is no need to do the SGL2 if your SSR is still in date, SGL2 will be the new course you do as SSR expires 3 years from initial completion.

**Changes to the DBS renewal process for volunteers in cricket**

\*\*\*\*\*Please share with all of your club volunteers who need an ECB DBS\*\*\*\*\*

**This item was on last month’s newsletter but I have had numerous questions asked regarding expired DBSs so am sharing again.**

The Disclosure and Barring Service has initiated a change in the process for updating certification for volunteers. The procedure required an individual (volunteer) to confirm annually to the ECB that they are continuing in their role which facilitates the automatic renewal of their DBS certificate. A customer would receive a separate notification from the Disclosure and Barring Service indicating to them that they are not required to take any action to update their certificate and their subscription will continue.

The Disclosure and Barring Service has now modified its user agreement, mandating that all individuals log into their update service account to renew their subscription on an annual basis. Should this not be actioned, their account will lapse, resulting in a failed check for the ECB, and the individual will be required to apply for a new DBS certificate as the DBS does not permit the reinstatement of Update Service subscriptions after lapsing.

**What does an individual need to do?**

1. **Action the communication from the ECB once received 30 days prior to renewal:**

**(Give consent and confirm their Role/Club/Contact details).**

Email from [**dbs@ecb.disclosures.co.uk**](mailto:dbs@ecb.disclosures.co.uk)

Titled: **ECB DBS Expiry - Important Message - Action required**

1. **Action the communication from the DBS Update service received 30 days prior to renewal: (log in and renew subscription)**

Email from [**donotreply@dbs.gov.uk**](mailto:donotreply@dbs.gov.uk)

Titled: **FYI: Action required to renew your Update Service subscription**

**SAFE HANDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM COMPLIANCE**

Now that the affiliation process is complete and we have details from all clubs we have been running through an audit of the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) to check compliance from all clubs. It is important that Club Safeguarding officers make their Committee and Officers aware of the SHMS and how important it is for the Club for it to be accurate and up-to-date.

SHMS is an online Club Management Tool and the ECB requires all County Boards and Clubs to input the details of individuals in key regulated roles or those with responsibilities for the management and running of County and Club activities (such as Chair, Team Managers, Coaches, Captains, Activators, Umpires and Scorers).

On the SHMS the Club Safeguarding Officer or Safe Hands Administrator should add the names and email addresses of those people holding the roles above. The system will then send an email to those people, who should read the email and accept the role. The person will then be shown as compliant or non-compliant depending on whether their ECB DBS and ECB SGL2/SSR E-learning is in date.

The Club Safeguarding Officer/SHMS Administrator should follow up with any individual who is non-compliant to bring them to compliance, this should be with the knowledge that their Club has Safeguarding and looking after each other at the heart of everything they do.

For any help with the SHMS please email neil.liversedge@cambscricket.org.uk

**NEW ECB RECREATIONAL CRICKET SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The ECB have produced a new consolidated document covering updated safety regulations in the recreational game, access them using the following link:

[ECB-Recreational-Cricket-Safety-Regulations.pdf](https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2025/03/19/d4be6a55-e8d9-4eed-ade3-e16925ba22a0/ECB-Recreational-Cricket-Safety-Regulations.pdf)

\*\*\*Please make sure your captains and junior coaches are aware of all of these.\*\*\*

Of particular note are the need for clubs to have written parental consent (suggested form included in the PDF) for any **juniors playing open age** (adult) cricket and also new **fast bowling regulations** for juniors (see table below) which all clubs with players aged 19 and under must be aware of.

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| **Age in years** | **Max overs per spell** | **Max overs per day** |
| 11 & below | 4 | 8 |
| 12 & 13 | 5 | 10 |
| 14 & 15 | 5 | 12 |
| 16 & 17 | 6 | 15 |
| 18 & 19 | 7 | 18 |

There is also new guidance on fielding restrictions and protective equipment.

**WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM ME?**

As part of my continuing efforts to support you in your roles I have created a short survey that I would really appreciate you completing. It should only take five to ten minutes to complete and the information provided will be useful for me in my role in supporting you as volunteers.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sE4zavrAuD>

Every completed questionnaire will be entered in to a prize draw for two **£25 Mr Cricket** vouchers.

**THANKS FOR READING**

Thanks for reading this far, please make sure you share the information I have given you with the relevant people at your club. I have one more request before I finish. Its important as part of my role that I am visible and accessible to clubs and to that end I want to come and visit you at your clubs. I am particularly keen to come along to see some junior cricket or training but would equally be happy to come along to a committee meeting to talk about safeguarding so please invite me along by emailing [safeguarding@cambscricket.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cambscricket.org.uk)



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Link to the ECB Safeguarding pages

[England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) - The Official Website of the ECB](https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/79221/safehands)