



THE BEST WESTERN SHRUBBERY HOTEL

Somerset Cricket League

For the Attention of:- Chairman of the Club Management Committee

Child Welfare and Child Protection Policy

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of your Club Management Committee – or at least note as Chairman – the details set out below.

The Somerset Cricket League adopted the ECB 'Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket' policy at the Annual General Meeting of the League in November 2004. As a result, the Management Committee has asked all clubs that play in the Somerset Cricket League to ensure that the club has also adopted the policy and taken the necessary steps to train the appropriate members of the club who require accreditation.

All clubs, even those without a youth section, need to appoint a **Club Welfare Officer** who will advise and ensure that Safeguarding is being adhered to in the Club.

The Club Welfare Officer must:

- attend a 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' workshop accredited by Sportscoach UK (3 hours).
- have a Vetting Check (CRB) through the ECB
- attend the ECB Safe Hands Workshop (which replaces the NSPCC 'Time to Listen' course) advising on the role, requirements and responsibilities of child safeguarding in Clubs. These courses have recently been launched and will be available in Somerset in early 2012.

Details for the above courses and checks are available from Somerset Cricket Board (details below). I shall be tutoring the Somerset courses and would commend them to you.

At the recent AGM (Nov. 28th 2011), the membership of the SCL voted to make it a mandatory requirement for membership of the SCL that its member clubs operate in accordance with ECB policy. **Rule 3. Administration (h)** of the SCL requires all clubs to appoint a Club Welfare Officer at the earliest opportunity. Furthermore, this appointed officer must attend (or has attended) a Safeguarding & Protecting Children course within the last 3 years. The SPC certificate is also a requirement for the qualified Club Coach and clubs may also be interested in arranging for other members of the coaching staff to attend the courses.

We are attempting to ascertain the number of places that are required on Safeguarding and Protecting Courses. We have attached a form that should be completed and returned to John Wilford at the County Ground as soon as possible. This will indicate the places required and the best venues to use.

I should be happy to answer any queries you may have. However, if you want further information about forthcoming courses and more detailed information regarding the ECB 'Safe Hands' policy then you should contact John Wilford at the County Ground on email johnw@somersetcricketboard.org or telephone 01823 352266 or simply complete the attached form and return it to John.

Ray Hancock. Hon. Secretary. 02 December 2011

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Dates, Times and Venues of Safeguarding and Protecting Children Courses currently available

Course	Date	Time	Venue	No. of places available
1.	Jan. 29	10.00am	Centre of Excellence, County Ground Taunton.	2 Places
2.	Jan. 29	1.30 pm	Centre of Excellence, County Ground Taunton.	2 Places
3.	March 12	6.00pm	Winscombe Cricket Club.	6 Places

The cost of the course is £30 and immediate application is necessary. The first 6 applications for each course will be accepted. Further courses will be arranged in the Spring/Summer of 2012.

Name of Club

This club wishes to nominate the following person for attendance on a
Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop

NameCourse No.....

The Somerset Cricket Board plans to organise additional S&PC courses in March/April in Taunton, Weston super Mare (and possibly Bath). All SCL clubs need to appoint a Club Welfare Officer (Rule 3 Administration (h) for the forthcoming season and the Cricket Board needs to have information on the number of people requiring the S&PC course. Please indicate below the number of places your club requires and the most suitable venue for your attendees.

Name of Club

Name of Applicant (s)

Indicate preference to attend course in Taunton Weston Bath
 Tick which venues you would prefer. You may tick more than one if you can attend either.

If you require further information on SPC courses etc. please put your name and address below.

Name

Address

..... Post Code

Tel. No.email address

**This form should be returned to John Wilford, Cricket Development Manager,
 Somerset Cricket Board, County Ground, Taunton. TA1 1JT
 or by email to johnw@somersetcricketboard.org**