

## Dear Junior & Senior Leagues in Somerset,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer of cricket.

Yesterday my colleague Brian Hoyle launched our Education Programme for Coaches, Officials & Volunteers which we are running for 2019/2020.

I am aware that a number of leagues across the county offer course subsidies for its member clubs to help with the costs of putting people through different qualifications. With this in mind, below is the information on our Education Programme this winter, which you may use when promoting any subsidies which your league may offer.

Kind Regards



### Education Programme 2019-2020

The Somerset Cricket Board are pleased to announce the dates and venues for their Coach Education Programme and their Officials & Volunteer Courses for 2019-2020.

We will be running more courses and workshops than ever this year, providing opportunities for all of our coaches, volunteers and officials.

The coach education pathway courses are aimed at meeting the needs of the player and equipping coaches with the skills they require to coach in your club, school or performance cricket environment. If you are a current or aspiring coach we have a range of courses running across the county to fit your needs.

Please note our new Foundation Stage One courses, introduced in February 2020.

This course has been designed to give learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to coach cricket sessions that are active, purposeful, enjoyable and safe. An ECB Foundation One Coach will be qualified to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision.

In addition to these exciting opportunities for coaches we are running qualifications for Umpires and Scorers. If you have stopped playing cricket and want to stay involved in the game, then these courses offer both a qualification and the skills which will help benefit your club and the game of cricket.

Club Welfare officers have a vital role to play in cricket clubs. Our Safe Hands Workshops and Safe Hands Refresher courses, available at various venues around the county, ensure that they can access the training required to fulfil this role.

Finally, we are holding courses to make sure that your current qualifications stay in date. If your First Aid, Child Protection or Safeguarding certificates have expired, then please take this opportunity to update your qualifications with the SCB.

If your club is Clubmark accredited, please ensure that all of your volunteers and coaches are aware of our courses this winter.

With new courses being added and booking links continually updated, for further information please follow the link below to the Educational Course page of our website:

<https://www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk/scb-announce-new-2019-2020-coach-education-programme-and-officials-volunteer-courses/>

Regards,

Brian

