



# Messaging Update

## Clubs and Leagues

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This week's bulletin contains information on the Government Announcement, The Hundred Rising, DBS Applications and EWCT Loans.

### *Government Update*

The ECB welcomes the Government's decision to permit outdoor grassroots cricket to return in time for the start of the 2021 season from 29<sup>th</sup> March. Cricket plays an important role in many people's lives and helps to maintain positive mental and physical wellbeing. We are working with Sport England and the Government on each step of the Government's Roadmap. We will issue further guidance shortly on what each step of the roadmap means for the game to support players, teams, clubs, coaches and umpires to prepare in time for 29<sup>th</sup> March.

We continue to work with Sport Wales and the Welsh Government on the safe return of recreational cricket as soon as possible in Wales.

To access the full statement, please click [here](#).

### *The Hundred Rising*



The Hundred Rising – a brand new programme of 100 exciting opportunities offering up-and-coming talent a platform to showcase their skills and gain valuable experience working or volunteering at The Hundred competition this summer.

Committed to providing CV-enhancing opportunities to help people get ahead despite the challenges of the last year, The Hundred Rising will offer 100 chances to get involved in bringing The Hundred to life.

The Hundred Rising is launching with 32 paid positions on offer to be a Rising Host, Rising Reporter or Rising Content Creator at this summer's competition.

More roles will be announced in the lead up to the competition and with seven host cities: Birmingham, Leeds, London, Nottingham, Manchester, Southampton and Cardiff.

### ***DBS Applications - Start your application now***

We know many clubs are looking forward to the return of cricket, so to help make sure that you are ready and prepared we just wanted to encourage everyone to double check that you have a valid DBS. If required please make an application as soon as possible in preparation for the new season and to avoid delays when cricket activities resume.

As a result of the Government's current national lockdown restrictions and advice from the Disclosure and Barring Service, the ECB are continuing with Online ID verifications until further notice. This includes the initiation and verification of DBS applications.



Once you have submitted an application you will receive a link to use the Find a Verifier feature. After entering your postcode you will be asked to select 3 verifiers in order of

preference. Once a verifier accepts your request you will be notified and advised to contact them to set up a Video ID meeting.

**Important steps for the ID verification meeting:**

1. Ensure you have emailed over copies of your 3 ID documents prior to the verification meeting.
2. You will be asked to hold up to the screen the original documents used to compare likeness for any photo ID document.
3. Once the ID Verification has taken place, all emails with ID documents attached will be deleted.
4. If you incur any issues with the application process, then please seek support from [dbs@ecb.co.uk](mailto:dbs@ecb.co.uk)

## ***EWCT Loans***

EWCT's Trustees have approved an extension of the suspension of quarterly loan repayments for both the Interest Free Loan Scheme and the Emergency Loan Scheme until November 2021. If you have an EWCT loan, a communication will be sent to your Club or League shortly. Please do not cancel any Direct Debit payments.

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