

Dear Cricket Clubs & Leagues in Somerset,

Firstly, I hope you are keeping safe and well?

The welfare of people in cricket is vitally important so I am pleased to be able to share with you information in relation to Interim Safe Hands Training for Welfare Officers for those clubs who had training cancelled in March & April or those clubs who haven't got qualified Welfare Officer.

To be a qualified Welfare Officer there are three requirements:

- An ECB DBS
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children Training (or Online Safeguarding Young Cricketers Course)
- ECB Safe Hands Training

All these qualifications last for three years and need renewing at this point.

If your Welfare Officer had booked to attend an ECB Safe Hands Course which was cancelled, the ECB Safeguarding Team will contact you directly (within the next two weeks) to provide you with access to the :

- Online Safeguarding Young Cricketers Course to meet the Safeguarding and Protecting Children Requirement of the CWO role
- Booking link for Safe Hands Webinar Training. These will run on specific days through the month of June, starting on the 8th and will be available either mornings, afternoons or evenings to accommodate those with other responsibilities or work commitments.

It is important to have completed the SYC (Safeguarding Young Cricketers) course prior to booking on a webinar if you have already completed the course or a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Course there is no requirement for them to repeat it.

Please note there are 1100 people who need to go through this training nationally so they will be contacting people in phases.

If your Welfare Officer did not book to attend an ECB Safe Hands Course or If your Club does not have a Welfare Officer, please email the following details to me- matthew.counsell@somersetcricketboard.org:

- Full Name
- Cricket Club

- Email Address

I can then get ECB Safeguarding to register the person so they can be sent the course details

Please note this interim accreditation will be valid for 12 months by which time ECB expect that the standard face-to-face Safe Hands training will be available again.

Any Welfare Officer without an ECB DBS then the following information is required to setup on for you:

1. Full Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Preferred Email Address
4. Club affiliation

Please email this information to me - matthew.counsell@somersetcricketboard.org and I will set this up.

If you need you DBS verified the ECB are allowing these to be actioned via a video call as opposed to the standard Face to Face Meeting. Again, contact me - matthew.counsell@somersetcricketboard.org to arrange this.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Kind Regards



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