

LEAGUE WELFARE OFFICER.

The Durham Coast Cricket League acquired the services of Mrs Glenda Brammer an experienced child care worker to oversee the implementation and administration of the ECB Safe Hands policy process within the league. Her role is as an adviser to the league, and to ensure every club follows ECB Safe Hands Procedure.

CHILD WELFARE.

The Durham Coast Cricket League fully endorses and complies with the ECB's Safe Hands Policy for Safeguarding Children, and also recognises that it has a duty of care to all young people playing within it's League.

In October 2003 the England and Wales Cricket Board launched its new Child Welfare Policy - 'Safe Hands' - Welfare of Young People in Cricket.

The policy provides the sport, with tools to ensure that the whole game takes up the challenge of continuously improving the participation conditions for children.

Safe Hands greatly enhances the value of existing activities and practices throughout ECB's extensive club and schools network. This policy is backed up by a comprehensive training and education programme, a structured implementation plan and a sensitive process to respond to concerns.

All England and Wales affiliated clubs and Leagues must adopt a policy in which all Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and any other persons who have regular or significant contact with children and teenagers under the age of 18years, and must have completed a satisfactory CRB check.

It was also made clear that all clubs had to appoint a Club Welfare Officer who must attend a Child Protection Seminar entitled 'Good Practice' [Safeguarding and Protecting Children] followed by a second seminar entitled 'Time to Listen'. Further refresher training is to be given to Club Welfare Officers to comply with recent changes in ECB policy.

In law, the Child Welfare Officers could be considered responsible for ensuring that each club complies with the policy.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM.

It is a requirement of the Durham Coast Cricket League that all junior players are registered by each club and that parental consent is sought and agreed before players are allowed to play. This form covers issues such as photography, transportation, changing facilities, wearing of helmets, and scoring on.
Download - Durham Coast Cricket League Club Registration Form.

CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU.

The England and Wales Cricket Board [ECB] Child Protection Policy entitled 'Safe Hands' requires any Coach, Umpire, Scorer, Junior Team Manager, Welfare Officer to complete a CRB check

The ECB is committed to ensuring that cricket provides a safe, friendly and enjoyable environment for children and young people.

To obtain a CRB form you / your club should contact The League Welfare Officer for supplies of blank application forms.

The ECB does not accept the 'transfer' of CRB Certificates from other organisations. A CRB check is valid for three years within cricket.

Section X of a CRB application form is completed by an authorised signatory, this section is a CRB requirement to check your identity.

Upon completion in black pen the form should be sent to;
ECB Child Protection Team
England and Wales Cricket Board
Lord's Cricket Ground
London NW8 8QZ