

Creating and formally adopting an Individual Club Safeguarding Policy Statement

In addition to adopting the ECB's "Safe Hands Policy", all ECB affiliated clubs must create an individual "Club Safeguarding Policy Statement."

We recognise that some cricket clubs will be part of a larger multi-sport club. Even if a cricket club is a 'section' of another club the cricket committee still needs to identify the elements of the "Safe Hands Policy" which are directly applicable to the cricket section and those that will require consultation with the umbrella sports club committee for implementation. It is vital in these circumstances that the cricket club ensures the umbrella committee has addressed all the issues within the "Safe Hands Policy" and recognises its separate responsibilities for safeguarding. Collaboration between all sports sections within such clubs is necessary for effective safeguarding.

Please contact the ECB Safeguarding Team if further assistance is required in this area.

Recommended Process/Activities

1. The following template can be discussed and personalised by your Club Committee to meet the specific needs of your location.
2. Organise for the personalised "Club Safeguarding Policy Statement" to be formally adopted by your club. A vote is normally needed at the club's AGM to make this formal adoption. (For those clubs who do not have an AGM in the near future, it is considered to be good practice for the committee to make a temporary adoption on behalf of the club as an interim measure).
3. Having defined a club safeguarding policy, its content will then help everyone at the club to know how the club will approach safeguarding on an ongoing basis.
4. Once adopted, a copy of the club's own safeguarding policy should be displayed on the club notice board.



