



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



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Alan is currently in hospital recovering from a planned operation. He will be recuperating for the next few weeks, so the board ask that you do not contact him directly but contact another board member. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing him well.

Safeguarding remains very much top of the agenda so below is the latest information as per last week's newsletter.

Safe Hands- Update from ECB on webinar

The ECB have been contacting directly Club Safeguarding Officers who completed the Safe Hands webinar between June 2020 and January 2021.

They have decided that the validity period of a Safe Hands webinar certificate has been extended from the original 12 months to 24 months due to Covid-19.

This means that the certificate will remain valid for two years from the date that the webinar was completed. For example, if you completed the Safe Hands webinar in June 2020, you do not need to undertake the Safe Hands course again until June 2022. This also applies to Club Safeguarding Officers undertaking the webinar going forward.

CSOs do not need to take any action, ECB are in the process of updating their records to reflect this change and have communicated this to the County Safeguarding Officer.

Does your CSO require an ECB Safe Hands Course

It is important that Club Safeguarding Officers keep their Safe Hands training up to date. In view of current COVID restrictions it is highly unlikely that there will be a return to face-to-face training soon. ECB are still delivering on line webinar training for CSOs and details of how to apply to attend a webinar are shown below.

A Club Safeguarding Officer plays a vital role in keeping children and young people in cricket safe. As you will be aware, due to the Covid-19 crisis, many courses have been cancelled and we are aware that this has left many of you unable to keep your qualifications up to date.

Under normal circumstances, Club Welfare Officers are required to complete both a Safeguarding and Protecting Children course and a Safe Hands course every three years, however it is not possible to undertake these face-to-face courses at this time.

In the circumstances, the ECB are inviting CSOs to attend a Safe Hands webinar in place of a Safe Hands face-to-face course and the online Safeguarding Young Cricketers course, in place of Safeguarding and Protecting Children.



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Your CSO can book a place on the webinar by clicking [here](#)

They should register using their full name, as it appears on your DBS certificate and ensure they register using an email address that is unique to them.

Safeguarding Young Cricketers

This is a free online course, which takes approximately one hour to complete, and you can save your progress at any time. CSOs should complete this online course if they have not completed the Safeguarding and Protecting Children course in the last three years. They will receive an email with joining instructions approximately 24 hours after booking a place on the Safe Hands webinar. If your CSO has already completed the Safeguarding Young Cricketers online course in the last three years, there is no need to repeat the course.

All the webinars available are suitable for both refreshing and new Club Safeguarding Officers.

Game-wide insurance

The ECB's new game wide insurance offer through Howden opened on the February 1 and more details of the scheme can be found by clicking the link below.

[Click here](#)

Only current Clubmark accredited clubs can claim the insurance offer, but non-accredited clubs will be able to qualify via the Risk Assessment once they have access to the Safe Hands Management System.

Clubmark accredited clubs will receive access codes for the system in a phased roll-out and are asked to sign on. When they have done this, they are entitled to a free insurance offer (please bear in mind this may be less than you have now so may require add-ons). You do not have to take this offer; it really is what suits you best and is up to the club to work out).

All clubs who do not have Clubmark will be phased in over time. It is an ECB condition that all our Premier Division clubs must be registered on the Safe Hands Management System by

July 31 to be able to play in the top flight in 2022. All Clubmark clubs should keep a close eye out for their access codes

If you have any questions on this, please contact YCB Head of Region Steve Archer 07912-898734 email s.archer@yorkshirecb.com



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Club Contacts

There has been a good response from clubs to the process of updating essential club contacts. Phil Radcliffe is currently contacting clubs who have not responded. It is now urgent that this is completed.

Overseas players

If you wish to register an overseas player please submit the following to overseas@bradfordcl.com soon as possible:

- *Full name and date of birth.
 - *Country of birth and current residence.
 - *Passport details.
 - *The teams he has played for and the level/standard of cricket in his home country.
 - *Details of any teams he has previously played for in the UK.
 - *The source you may have engaged with to secure his intended registration e.g. agent (details please), a personal contact or direct enquiry from the player.
 - *The type of visa he will apply for to enter the UK.
 - *Components of the package (e.g. flights, accommodation, living expenses, incentives, etc).
- WE DO NOT WANT TO KNOW ANY MONETARY VALUES AND REMEMBER PLAYERS ON

A Management Board sub-committee will then quickly advise the suitability of the Entry Criteria for your intended registration.

If you want to check the latest ECB advice on Managed Migration or guidance on Visa types, you can find the information on the league website [click here to view](#).

Please be very careful when engaging an overseas given the current Covid situation.

Raising Standards

The third communication relating to relating to Raising Standards covering the actions needed for the 2021 season went out last Monday as previously discussed.

The Raising Standards project represents a major piece of work and is the first benchmarking exercise of facilities across the league for several years.

One thing that has become clear is that there is a lot of good work going on across the league which we want to celebrate.

It is important that we celebrate the many initiative being undertaken and we urge all clubs who have raised standards at their club to tell us about it and we will feature details and pictures on the league website.



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Umpires and Scorers Update

As promised last week here are details of online umpires and scorers courses. All courses are free, so we ask clubs to get as many people to undertake them as possible.

Umpire Stage One Umpire Course

The link to register for this course is:

<http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/27qn73>

When registering, under market preferences, please tick the first and third (I want to receive boxes), which will ensure you are contacted following completion of the course

Scorer – Basics of Scoring Course

The link to this course is:

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/c/express/501245fd-e917-45e8-827e-f14d10a1d0cb>

When registering, under market preferences, please tick the first and third (I want to receive boxes), which will ensure you are contacted following completion of the course

On completion of these initial courses, further courses are available to upskill and develop both umpires and scorers

Further Details

If anyone needs any further information on the online courses, please contact Philip Radcliffe at philipradcliffe1106@gmail.com



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BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE MATCH OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

The BPL Match Officials Organisation are always looking for new members to join their Umpire Panel

If anyone is interested in becoming a panel umpire or needs any further information regarding the Match Officials Organisation then please contact the BPL Match Officials Administrator, **Nigel Thornton** by email at nigelobdl@hotmail.com

OWZAT!

On-line Umpire Stage One training course is a game changer.

- 1. Overview of the basic Laws of the game and how to apply them.**
- 2. Introduction to the principles of field craft and match management.**
- 3 The course is an ideal introduction for new club umpires, a refresher for existing umpires and the first step for those who aspire to umpire at higher**

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Annual General Meeting

The delayed AGM will be held via the Microsoft Teams video conferencing platform on 18th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

Full details of how to join the meeting, agenda and accounts will be sent out this week along with details on how to vote on resolutions.

All clubs will be required to have one attendee at the meeting.

Next Week

Next week we hope to have some more information to share following the Prime Minister's statement regarding the timetable for the release of lockdown. There will also be further ECB updates.

Keep safe all.