



# THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



## Newsletter 3, 2021

During the past week there has been some important information from the ECB regarding Safeguarding which we urge all clubs to study closely.

Firstly, the titles of League Welfare Officer and Club Welfare Officer have now been changed to League Safeguarding Officer and Club Safeguarding Officer, respectively.

The ECB say this change will provide consistency in all areas of cricket and will align with external practices. The change will also include a change of title for County Welfare Officers who will be known as County Safeguarding Officers.

The ECB recognise that this will take some time to achieve. Amendments will be required to various league and club policy and guidance documents. For example, Safe Hands documentation currently refers to the role of a welfare officer.

There may be a period of transition where both terms, welfare and safeguarding, crossover, this will not hinder the work they are doing in anyway. Please start by reviewing your policies and guidance and updating any references to League or Club Welfare Officer.

We have received several queries regarding Safeguarding training, so we have pulled together the latest available advice.

### **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.



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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.

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



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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](mailto:s.archer@yorkshirecb.com)

### **Emergency First Aid**

In response to several questions over the last few weeks, the ECB are currently reviewing emergency first aid provision across the game and will be looking to introduce new guidance including minimum requirements and recommended providers. However, this requires cross department and network consultation and will not be in place before the start of the season.

The ECB's current position remains that they do not accept online First Aid courses at this stage., In the short term there are still a few weeks before the new season and therefore ECB will explore all options while they also await government announcements to establish if face to face courses for new and renewal qualifications is feasible.

ECB will make a further announcement at the end of February on the updated position and possible contingency planning.

### **Club Contacts**

There has been a good response from clubs to the process of updating essential club contacts. Thank you to the 44 clubs who have taken time to complete this task before today's deadline.

However, the following clubs have not responded to the final reminder they received on Friday, Liversedge, Northowram Fields, Pudsey Congs and Spen Victoria. We now require those clubs to complete the task so that we have a comprehensive contact database which will enable us to ensure correspondence reaches the right people.

### **Overseas players**

So far six clubs, Altofts, Hartshead Moor, Morley, Ossett, Undercliffe and Wrenthorpe have been granted permission to proceed with the recruitment of overseas player.

If your club is seeking to sign an overseas player, please supply the information listed below to the league's Overseas Registration Panel.

When you have all this information please submit your intention to [overseas@bradfordcl.com](mailto:overseas@bradfordcl.com) as soon as possible. The panel will quickly advise the suitability of the Entry Criteria for your intended registration.



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## REQUIRED INFORMATION

- \*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 YOUTH MOBILITY VISAS CANNOT BE PAID TO PLAY.

When you have all this information please submit your intention to [overseas@bradfordcl.com](mailto:overseas@bradfordcl.com) as soon as possible. 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](#).

## Raising Standards

The third communication relating to relating to Raising Standards covering the actions needed for the 2021 season will go out on 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. During the coming week we will be featuring the work done by Hartshead Moor and Morley to Raise Standards with stories on the league website.

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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Tell us what your club has  
been doing to raise standards

Send full details and pictures to [editor@bradfordcl.com](mailto:editor@bradfordcl.com)

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## **Next week**

We will be providing details of training for scorers and umpires.

**And finally.....** Congratulations to Morley volunteer George McKenna who within days of learning of the Grounds Management Association On-line Level One Ground Maintenance course in last week's newsletter had successfully completed it.