

ECB Guidelines for clubs working with external partners

Cricket clubs often work with local schools, community colleges, local authority sports development teams or other organisations to provide All Stars Cricket, cricket coaching, or facilities, to the wider community. Some programmes of this kind are organised on a formal basis through the ECB, whereas others can be organised by clubs, or even by individual coaches.

If clubs are looking to work, or are currently working with external partners in this way, it is important that clubs identify the responsibilities, and expectations, of each organisation in relation to safeguarding and supervision of children, including the need to ensure appropriate insurance cover exists. Coaches and others must always demonstrate best practice, whatever environment they are working in

In order for the club to be able to demonstrate its duty of care, the Club Welfare Officer must ensure the Club Committee has considered all its obligations and duties before undertaking any partnership working of this kind. He or she should be able to provide assurance to the other agency about this.

For ECB organised programmes

Organisations such as 'Chance to Shine' and 'Blind Cricket England and Wales' have adopted the ECB Safe Hands Policy and Procedure, so the club and the partner organisation should agree who will be the nominated welfare officer for the event.

Schools and academies have their own reporting structure for concerns. This structure supersedes the ECB standard reporting structure for incidents connected to school sport. The club must know who concerns should be reported to.

Where a school wishes to become an All Stars Centre, guidance should be sought from the ECB All Stars team

For other programmes

(i.e. those organised directly by clubs which are not part of an ECB programme)

When planning and undertaking this kind of activity, it is strongly recommended that coaches and their clubs consider:

- Qualifications
- Insurance
- Risk assessments including first aid procedures
- Avoidance of adults being left alone with children
- Supervision of children undertaken by appropriately vetted adults and with correct supervisory ratios
- Changing
- Transport to any games or facilities
- Photographs/press coverage

