



**THE BEST WESTERN
SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE**

**For the Attention of the
Chairman of the Club Management Committee**

Child Welfare and Child Protection Policy

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of your Club Management Committee – or at least note as Chairman – the details set out below.

The Somerset Cricket League adopted the ECB ‘Safe Hands – Welfare of Young People in Cricket’ policy at the Annual General Meeting of the League in November 2004. As a result, the Management Committee has asked all clubs that play in the Somerset Cricket League to ensure that the club has also adopted the policy and taken the necessary steps to train the appropriate members of the club who require accreditation.

All clubs, even those without a youth section, need to appoint/elect a **Child Welfare Officer**. This person will need to undertake a Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop (approximately 3 hours) that is arranged by Andrew Moulding, Cricket Development Officer for the Somerset Cricket Board. At a later time it will also be necessary for those people to undertake a further course called ‘Time to Listen’. The SPC courses are delivered at venues across the County, although it may mean some travelling for you in this first instance. I shall be tutoring the Somerset courses and would commend them to you.

The Management Committee of the League is keen to see that its member clubs are operating in accordance with ECB policy and would urge those clubs without a CWO to appoint one at the earliest opportunity. Furthermore, it should ensure that this appointee and any other unqualified person in the post arrange to receive the necessary training and qualification. The SPC certificate is also a requirement for the qualified Club Coach and clubs may also be interested in arranging for other members of the coaching staff to attend the courses.

I should be happy to answer any queries you may have. However, if you want further information about forthcoming courses and more detailed information regarding the ECB ‘Safe Hands’ policy then you should contact Andrew Moulding at the County Ground on telephone 01823 352266 or simply complete the attached form and return it to Andrew.

Ray Hancock
Hon. Secretary.
18 March 2008



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Cricket Development Officer Andrew Moulding

Name of Club

This club wishes to nominate the following persons for attendance on a
Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop

Name

Name

Name

Please send details of the courses available.

Please send information on Child Welfare Issues and policies
(Tick as appropriate)

Please send this information to

Name

Address

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..... Post Code

Tel. No.

**This form should be returned to Andrew Moulding, Cricket Development Officer,
Somerset County Cricket Club, County Ground, Taunton. TA1 1JT**



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Club Welfare Officers

The following clubs have not appointed a **Club Welfare Officer** and as a result are contravening the regulations set down by the Somerset Cricket Board on behalf of ECB. The Somerset Cricket League has adopted the ECB Safe Hands policy and these clubs are therefore in breach of the League's rules.

Should a 'Child Protection' issue arise within the club, then the Chairman or other named club officials could be liable if the club does not have the proper child protection system in place.

Andrew Moulding, the Somerset Cricket Development Officer, has arranged three 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' courses during April and May to meet the needs of the clubs (and also others whose Welfare Officer has not completed the course). These courses are planned for:-

Friday April 11 - Bath Cricket Club, start 6.30 pm.

Wednesday April 23 - Weston-super-Mare Cricket Club, start 6.30pm

Tuesday 13 May - Centre of Excellence, County Ground, Taunton, start 6.30pm.

Clubs that have not named a Club Welfare Officer on the Club Details Sheet are listed below:-

All Saints
Banwell & Churchill
Ilminster
Meare
Staplegrave
Westlands Sports

Ashbrittle, Stawley & Clayhanger
Barton St. David
Mark
Sampford Arundel
Taunton Deane

Those clubs that wish to enrol someone on the Safeguarding and Protecting Children course should complete the form and send it to Andrew Moulding at the County Ground.

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