



# Messaging Update

## Clubs and Leagues

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This week's bulletin contains information on National Programmes and Safeguarding Updates.

### ***National Programmes Updates***

Earlier this week we shared with clubs that if they are yet to verify their Stripe account then they will be unable to take bookings and payments for All Stars and Dynamos Cricket.

Please see [here](#) a reminder of the comms and instructions that were sent. Thank you if you and your clubs have already actioned this, if you are yet to reverify then please follow the instruction as a matter of urgency.

There have been some specific requests for the All Stars and Dynamos Cricket promotional videos, please see below the links to access these on the resource hub. These can be utilised across your channels and shared with schools to assist with your promotion of the programmes.

All Stars Film

Dynamos Film

### ***Safeguarding Update***

We 're all looking forward to the return of cricket this summer. Below are a number of key updates from our Safeguarding Team to help make sure that you are ready and prepared for the safe return of cricket once the season kicks off.

#### **Safe Hands Training – Extension of validity period.**

We have taken the decision to extend the validity period of the Safe Hands webinar certificate for Club Safeguarding (Welfare) Officers. Originally the validity period for the Safe Hands webinar was 12 months, however due to the ongoing uncertainty around national restrictions due to COVID, we have now taken the decision to extend the period to 24 months. For example, if completing 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 (Welfare) Officers undertaking the webinar going forward.

### **Welfare Officer name change.**

To provide consistency across the network and to bring the title in line with terminology used in all areas of cricket, other sports and external agencies, we are recommending a change from Club or League Welfare Officer to Club or League Safeguarding Officer.

We know that this will take some time to achieve, and amendments will be required to various 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, we hope this will not hinder the work you are doing in any way.

### **Safeguarding in National and Local COVID -19 restrictions**

The ECB Safeguarding Team have posted some information on their website around increased risks for children and young people, what cricket activity providers can do and some links to [articles and further support](#) that you may find useful.

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