



# RFU SAFEGUARDING

## BULLETIN June 2020

### DBS application process to recommence on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Following discussions with the Disclosure and Barring Service, the RFU has decided to re-open the DBS system on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. As many sports and physical activities are resuming, as well as education settings, we believe we should provide RFU members and the Disclosure and Barring Service with notice of a restart date in order to manage an anticipated increase in applications.

Clubs can now prepare for this re-opening in a number of ways.

Clubs can prioritise those in the children's workforce whose applications have expired, or new applicants ready for ID verification. Applications may be submitted from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Clubs should carry out a safer recruitment process for new applicants, including use of the volunteer application form to assess their suitability to work/ volunteer with children. The volunteer application form can be found [here](#).

Club Safeguarding Officers and other ID verifiers should ensure that they have ready access to the DBS e-bulk system, i.e. their account is active and password is known. If not please contact [dbseapp@rfu.com](mailto:dbseapp@rfu.com)

Please note that Regulation 21 remains in force and clubs must not engage anyone, or appoint individuals to work with children, on a paid or voluntary basis, who is not DBS cleared. Whilst following social distancing guidelines, ID verification must take place in person. Whilst awaiting their DBS disclosure certificate, a person may temporarily work on a paid or voluntary basis with children provided that they are actively supervised at all times by a person who is DBS cleared by the RFU. This will apply to those who submitted applications prior to the cessation of the DBS process and who are still awaiting a certificate, as well as those applications submitted on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Any activity with children must follow the [Return to Community Rugby Roadmap](#) and comply with [Regulation 15.8](#) 'Season and Out of Season Activity'. The RFU expect all those involved in Age Grade Rugby to respect the principles in the Age Grade Codes of Practice and to comply with RFU Safeguarding Policy. The welfare of children is paramount at all times.

For any further help or support, please contact [safeguarding@rfu.com](mailto:safeguarding@rfu.com)

### USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

England Rugby Safeguarding

For DBS enquiries:  
[dbseapp@rfu.com](mailto:dbseapp@rfu.com)

For general safeguarding help:  
[Safeguarding@rfu.com](mailto:Safeguarding@rfu.com)

For GMS assistance:  
[GMSSupport@RFU.com](mailto:GMSSupport@RFU.com)

RFU 24 hour child protection message service –

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#### **RFU Regulation 15**

*Any rugby activity with children must follow the [Return to Community Rugby Roadmap](#) and comply with [RFU Regulation 15.8](#) (Season and Out of Season Activity). This means that during the present out of season period, all age grades can participate in non-contact training as per Regulation 15.8, if they choose to do so, and providing any activity complies with the latest RFU guidance on social distancing in rugby. As always, the Age grade codes of practice and RFU Safeguarding Policy also still apply.*