



RFU SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

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DBS Update

Following the Government's recent announcement that we are to stay at home, the RFU is again implementing a temporary suspension of DBS checks whilst the National Lockdown remains in force.

This decision has been made in light of the cessation of all rugby activity and the difficulties inherent in an online ID verification system that will require in-person checks to be completed before the applicant commences their voluntary activity.

The RFU will keep this under constant review and intend to resume processing applications prior to the commencement of rugby activity.

Applicants who have already had their ID verified, should complete their application, but all other applications that have not progressed past this stage will be placed on hold.

Please try to ensure that you continue to regularly log into the system to keep your account active. This will avoid delay once DBS activity resumes.

Please direct any queries to dbseapp@rfu.com

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

England Rugby Safeguarding

For DBS enquiries:
dbseapp@rfu.com

For general safeguarding help:
Safeguarding@rfu.com

For GMS assistance:
GMSSupport@RFU.com

RFU 24 hour child protection
message service –

Tel: 0208 831 6655

For COVID related advice:
clubsupport@rfu.com
covidcompliance@rfu.com

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Club Safeguarding Audit - Final Call

The deadline for the completion of the GMS Safeguarding Audit, as laid out in Regulation 21 has passed. The RFU Safeguarding Team are now asking CB Safeguarding Managers to follow up with all clubs who have not yet completed this to do so as a matter of urgency.

We understand that this has been a difficult season, and have extended the deadline twice to try and ensure that all clubs have had sufficient opportunity to complete it. The audit is mandatory for all clubs who offer Age Grade activities, or who wish to have 17 year olds playing up into the adult game.

The audit consists of 20 questions and can be completed by the CSO or another officer with access to the club's organisational profile. It is located in the GMS questionnaire tab.

Don't forget to tick the safeguarding declaration at the end!

Finally, thank you again for all of your support over what has been an incredibly challenging time. We wish you and your families a safe and healthy 2021.