

Safeguarding Best Practice



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Topics to be covered:

1. Safeguarding Requirements
 - a) Youth teams
 - b) Teams with youth players
2. Safeguarding Training
3. Childline



Safeguarding requirements: Youth teams

Definition: any team exclusively selecting players under the age of 18, or adult teams accepting membership of three or more players under the age of 18.

- A least 1 coach per team **must** have appropriate safeguarding training, as determined by BSUK.
 - This should include the Head Coach
- All Youth team coaches **must** have a valid DBS check (< 1yr old) before the start of the season.
- All Youth teams/clubs need a designated Safeguarding Officer who has appropriate safeguarding training.
- BSUK needs the contact information for every team's Safeguarding Officer



Safeguarding requirements: Adult teams with youth players

- If your team accepts players under 18 years old, all coaches need a valid DBS check (<1yr old) completed before the start of the season.
- Should a team have three or more youth players, the regulations covering exclusive Youth teams shall apply.
- All teams/clubs with youth players need a designated Safeguarding Officer who has appropriate safeguarding training.
- BSUK needs the contact information for every team's Safeguarding Officer.



Who needs safeguarding training and what type?

- Club/league Safeguarding Officers and coaches need face-to-face/interactive safeguarding training.
 - Due to COVID-19 outbreak, online courses are being accepted for safeguarding training to take place whilst social distancing measures are in place.
- Other approved safeguarding courses include:
 - Sports Coach UK's Safeguarding and Protecting Children (or Safeguarding and Protecting Children 2 for renewal purposes)
 - 'Time to Listen' course (generic) delivered by County Sports Partnerships
 - Child protection courses delivered by local Safeguarding Children's Boards
 - Child protection training delivered by local schools



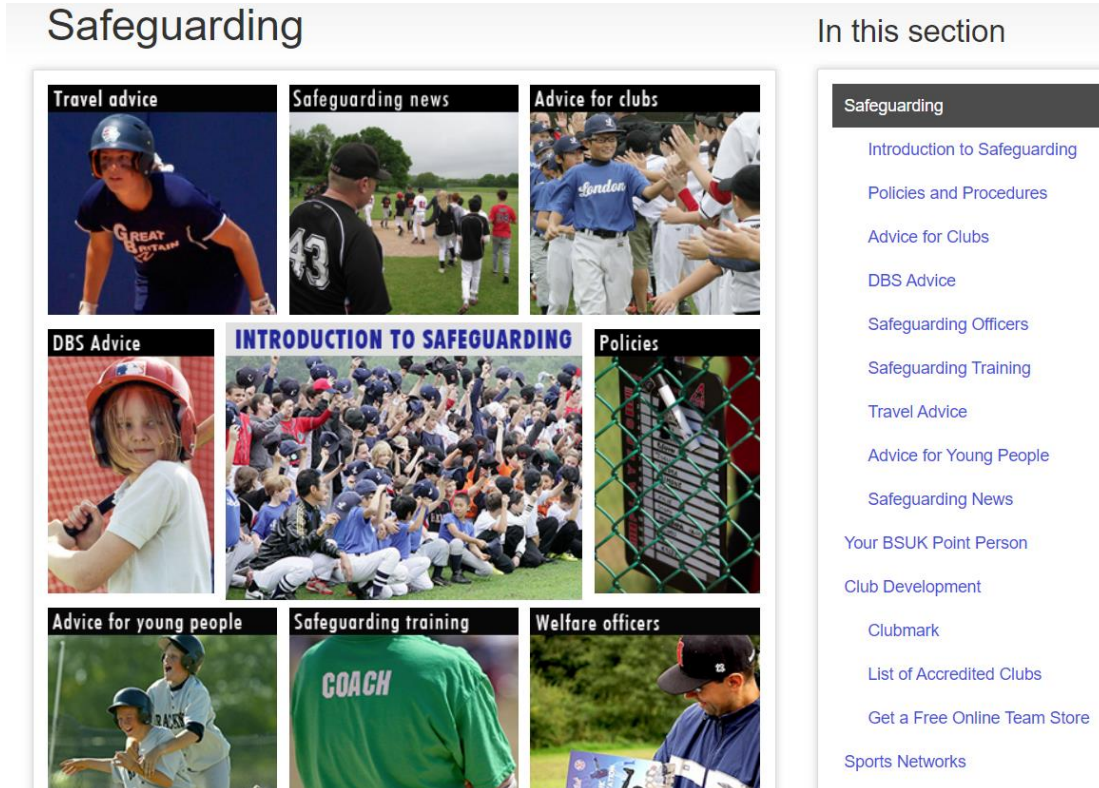
Safeguarding training during the Coronavirus outbreak

- Due to ongoing social distancing measures in place, face to face safeguarding training is not possible.
- As a short-term measure, BSUK will accept online training courses to be used to train coaches and Safeguarding Officers.
- BSUK can offer the CPSU (NSPCC) online training course, available to order from our website at £25 p/p.
- Ideal time to keep busy, get trained and prepare for play as soon as it's available!



BSUK Safeguarding website

www.baseballsoftballuk.com/safeguarding



- Policies and Procedures
- DBS advice
- Parental permission forms
- Safeguarding Officer information
- Advice on travelling with a team
- Safeguarding training



NSPCC help during lockdown

Since schools and education settings have closed, referrals to children's social services have fallen dramatically. With millions of children remaining at home, there is a hidden group of children potentially at risk of abuse or neglect who are having much less interaction with statutory services.

- The NSPCC are still available for children and to support you. If you're worried about a child, or need advice and support, talk to the helpline.
- If you're worried about a child, contact the NSPCC. The helpline is open 7 days a week.
- Call 0808 800 5000 (8am-10pm Mon-Fri/9am-6pm weekends) or email help@nspcc.org.uk at any time.



Questions?



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