

ENSURING CAPTAINS KNOW THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

All Clubs have a duty of care to all juniors and vulnerable adults who participate in cricket.

This is why every club has to appoint a trained Club Welfare Officer (CWO).

It's part of a club's membership to ECB and Hertfordshire Cricket.

Failure to have a trained CWO negates the club's membership and the club should then be penalised as per league rules.

Hertfordshire Cricket understands that a club may lose their CWO at an inappropriate time and to ensure continuity, clubs can apply for emergency cover procedures to ensure cricket continues.

For more details visit - <http://www.hertscricket.org/page/hertfordshire-cricket-clubs/hertfordshire-cricket-clubs/hertfordshire-cricket-affiliation-packages-5049/>

In junior cricket, a trained umpire should always officiate matches. This is to ensure ECB directives are implemented.

In Open Age Cricket, the captain is responsible to ensure that the clubs duty of care, requirements are put into practice.

It is recommended that clubs now have a early season meeting whereby the clubs welfare officer meets all the clubs open age team captains, going through the Clubs responsibilities according to ECB requirements and thereby the captain(s) have a greater understanding of their roles and responsibilities, on and off the field.

These Directives relate to open age matches whether they are league or friendly or any day of the week. The club CWO should ensure that all information relating to the following are included:

Team sheets are used in ALL matches

All regular adult team captains, umpires and scorers must have a current DBS check on the day of the match

All under 18s on the day of the match must wear a helmet when batting

All fielding restriction to under 18s (age as at 31st August in previous year) must be implemented

All Fast Bowling directives to under 18s (age as at 31st August in previous year) must be implemented

The captains should understand the clubs policies for :-

Changing rooms, showing and photography

Transporting juniors to and from matches

Social media, text and emails

Data Protection

Anti bullying

The ECB restriction for juniors playing in Open Age Cricket must be observed –

(In ECB Premier leagues no under 13 can be registered to play).

The Captain should also know the clubs

- Code of Conduct and that they will be held responsible for the conduct of their team
- Reporting procedures and where details of appropriate phone numbers and the local hospital can be found.

Hertfordshire County Welfare Officer

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