

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL COACHING STAFF

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Sport can and does have a very powerful and positive influence on people – especially young people. Not only can it provide opportunities for enjoyment and achievement; it can also develop valuable qualities such as self-esteem, leadership, and teamwork. These positive effects can only take place if sport is in the right hands - in the hands of those who place the welfare of all young people first and adopt practices that support, protect and empower them.

Basketball England is committed to working in partnership with all agencies to ensure that information and training opportunities are available to ensure best practice when working with children and young people. Adopting best practice will help to safeguard these participants from potential abuse as well as reducing the likelihood of allegations being made about coaches and other adults in positions of responsibility in basketball.

Basketball England has a safeguarding policy which commits us to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all in the sport of basketball. Part of this commitment includes vetting Regional Coaching Staff. It is with the continual updating of the policy and the action points of the Safeguarding Implementation Plan in accordance with the Child Protection in Sport Unit guidelines that these Minimum Operating Standards have been set.

To be eligible for appointment the below criteria must have been met. This includes team managers, strength and conditioning coaches, performance analysts, physiotherapists or any other position deemed as having a responsibility for or regular contact with children or vulnerable adults.

1. Have a clear, current, enhanced DBS check through Basketball England or;
 - o Comply with the “Update Service” process or;
 - o Hold a clear, enhanced DBS, with at least 6 months remaining in validity (Valid for 3 years from date of issue) done through another organisation and provide a copy of this DBS along with a completed Self Declaration form to the Safeguarding and Compliance Manager of Basketball England.
2. Be registered with Basketball England as a coach (or team follower for non-coaching staff) during **all** phases of training and competition. For those coaches and staff whose registration expires on the 31st August and their tournament is in September the previous seasons registration (and insurance) is valid.
3. Completed a basic safeguarding course – SPC1. Equivalency is accepted when evidence is provided. (Done within the past 3 years and certificate provided to the Safeguarding and Compliance Manager)
4. Completed an Emergency First Aid course – Equivalency is accepted when evidence is provided. (Certificate provided to the Safeguarding and Compliance Manager)

Further information can be found on the Basketball England web page at

WWW.BASKETBALLENGLAND.CO.UK/SAFEGUARDING/DBS-CHECKS

Upon appointment to the Regional Development Programme, all staff agree to uphold and abide by the policies and guidance of Basketball England.

All Basketball England policies and guidance can be downloaded at

WWW.BASKETBALLENGLAND.CO.UK/SAFEGUARDING/GUIDANCE-TEMPLATES/

Programme staff must take responsibility for being aware of the identification of the safeguarding lead, the procedures for reporting issues and asking additional questions. All programme staff hold the responsibility to report any safeguarding concerns to the Lead Safeguarding Officer/Safeguarding and Compliance Manager of Basketball England and the processes for doing so.

Further information can be found at:

WWW.BASKETBALLENGLAND.CO.UK/SAFEGUARDING/FAQS/

As the responsibility for appointment of regional coaching staff falls to the Regional Management Committee ultimately the responsibility to adhere to the safeguarding requirements also falls to the Regional Management Committee.

Failure to comply with the requirements will result in teams being ineligible to compete at regional tournaments.

As part of the safeguarding requirements Basketball England requires that each team have a completed 'RDP Toolkit'. The Toolkit should be supplied, either in hard copy, or electronically with a completed checklist by each team to the Regional Management Committee 7 days prior to the tournament being played.

The RDP Toolkit is available to download from the Basketball England webpage at:

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THESE GUIDELINES ARE IN PLACE TO SAFEGUARD BOTH THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE STAFF OF THE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMMES.