



Risk Assessment Advice

We are pleased that you have agreed to take part in NatWest CricketForce 2008.

Whilst it is clearly the intention of everyone taking part in NatWest CricketForce 2008 to work to the benefit of the clubs taking part and to have an enjoyable time in doing so, it is important to ensure that everyone works both safely and smartly.

Safety of all participants should be considered as paramount. Clubs may have a duty of care to each of its participants and if any participant is injured, it is possible they may be able to sue the club.

To reduce the likelihood of any problems for all participants and, ultimately, each club, we would suggest that each club:

1. appoints a Project Manager who will supervise those tasks that are to be undertaken and will assign those tasks to the willing and most appropriate volunteers. The Project Manager should keep a record of who is assigned to a task and the experience of that person.
2. check its current insurance policy(ies) to ensure that it has the appropriate cover to protect and cover all participants in relation to the tasks being undertaken during NatWest CricketForce.
3. ensures that a safety officer and/or appropriate first aid assistance is available and that medical and first aid kits are available and fully stocked.
4. undertakes a basic risk assessment of each of the tasks. The club should briefly analyse:
 - what hazards exist in a task
 - who is at risk
 - whether the participant has the necessary experience and/or qualifications
 - whether an accident is likely
 - how serious the consequences of an accident could be
 - what steps can be taken to reduce accidents

Generally, only low risk tasks should be undertaken. Where higher risks tasks are attempted you must ensure that adequate extra safety precautions are taken.

5. ensures that the premises are safe before any tasks are undertaken.
6. ensures that no tasks are attempted by participants who are not appropriately qualified or who do not feel comfortable, especially in relation to:
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 - use of heavy / complicated machinery
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8. ensures that all reasonable safety precautions are taken at all times.
9. where best practice dictates or suggests that safety equipment is worn or used, ensure that such equipment is provided, is in good condition and is worn/used at all times.
10. ensures that children are supervised at all times.

Following these guidelines may not prevent accidents taking place but will, we hope, help you to reduce risks and protect the club.

Clearly the ECB cannot undertake its own assessment of the risks involved in the tasks you have planned for NatWest CricketForce 2008 and you will have to use your own commonsense as to how best to organise your activities.

Therefore these guidelines are not to be considered as, nor are they intended to be, definitive advice.

The ECB accepts no liability for any direct or indirect loss or damage caused to any club, individual or third party as a result of following these guidelines or carrying of any tasks during NatWest CricketForce 2008, except for death or personal injury caused by a deliberate act of the ECB or by the ECB's negligence.