

ECB Guidelines on the use of Player Profile Forms

Player profiles forms enable those responsible for children to have the information they need to deal effectively with any emergency situation that arises.

Whilst the information obtained on these forms must be treated as confidential (and only be given to those who need it to fulfil a duty of care for the child), it is also of critical importance that the information is readily to hand at sessions and matches.

Clubs need therefore to devise their own workable system that achieves both of these important objectives, and a template player profile form is included in this section of the Kit Bag for clubs to use should they wish to do so.

It is for each club to determine the information about players that they wish to collect on a player profile form, and how long that form then becomes.

Some clubs might choose to have a short form containing basic admin and emergency contact details, with that club then having separate consent forms to obtain parental consent on matters such as photography, transport, changing etc, whereas other clubs might prefer to merge all club administration and child protection matters into one annual player profile / parental consent / membership type form

Doing either is fine.

Bearing this in mind, the player profile template shown in this manual is just that – a template.

It includes the various elements which Clubs are encouraged to consider when designing their own player profile form.

It is also recommended that club committees consider how the information collected is to be kept safe and to whom it will be issued. Player profile forms should be destroyed at the end of every season, either as players leave or on receipt of updated information for the new season.