

ECB Guidelines on working with external partners

Some Cricket Clubs may work with local schools, community colleges, local authority sports development teams or other organisations to provide cricket coaching or facilities to the wider community. Some programmes of this kind are organised on a formal basis through the ECB, whereas others can be organised by clubs, or even by individual coaches.

If Clubs are looking to work, or are currently working with external partners in this way, it is vitally important that clubs have identified the responsibilities and expectations of each organisation in relation to safeguarding and supervision of children, including the need to ensure that appropriate insurance cover exists.

In order for the club to be able to demonstrate its duty of care, the Club Welfare Officer must ensure that the Club Committee has considered all of its obligations and duties before undertaking any partnership working of this kind.

More guidance on this subject, including some very important factors for clubs to consider are contained in this section of the Kit Bag.

For ECB organised programmes

(e.g. “The PESSCL Strategy”, “The Community Club Coaches Programme” and “A Chance to Shine”) there are already published protocols and specific guidance on working with children within each programme’s guidance notes.

Additionally, the PESSCL Strategy has its own reporting structure for concerns that supersedes the ECB standard reporting structure for incidents connected to the PESSCL Strategy. As stated above, the Club Welfare Officer must ensure that the Club Committee has considered all of its obligations and duties before undertaking the partnership or entering the programme.

For other programmes (i.e. those organised direct by clubs which are not part of an ECB programme)

Many clubs and coaches have informal arrangements with local Schools whereby

they go into schools on an ad-hoc basis, for the benefit of the school and the club.

When planning and undertaking this kind of activity, it is strongly recommended that coaches and their clubs consider:

- Qualifications
- Insurance
- Risk Assessments including First Aid procedures
- Avoidance of adults being alone with children
- Supervision of children
- Changing
- Transport to any games or facilities
- Photographs / Press coverage

The ECB Coach Education department has produced further guidance on working in schools