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Berkshire Cricket

Under 18s Playing in Adult Representative Teams Policy

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DEFINITIONS

In this Policy the following terms/expressions shall mean:

- ECB – means England and Wales Cricket Board
- Children – refers to persons under the age of 18
- Safe Hands - means the ECB's cricket policies and procedures for safeguarding children within cricket

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The aim of this policy is to provide details for safeguarding procedures that must be followed when under 18s are involved in adult representative matches for Berkshire Cricket, including where there are overnight stays.

INTRODUCTION

Berkshire Cricket is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe space for everyone to experience cricket in a secure and enjoyable environment.

To this end all staff members involved in representative matches must have a valid ECB DBS certificate and have completed the relevant safeguarding training for their role within the last three years.

To help achieve our commitment the following procedures should be followed at all adult representative matches for Berkshire Cricket where an under 18 is playing.

Changing/Showering Facilities

Under 18s and adults should avoid using the same changing facilities where possible. If facilities are shared:

- Adults must not change or shower at the same time using the same facilities as under 18s

- Mobile phones must not be used in changing rooms due to the risks of inappropriate photography or filming

If under 18s are uncomfortable changing or showering at the match venue, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. They should be offered the option to change and shower at home/hotel room as appropriate.

Player Information:

It is the appointed coach or manager for the match's responsibility to have the following information for any player under the age of 18 playing:

- full name and date of birth
- the appropriate consents or dissensions (e.g. photography, streaming) and that these are taken into consideration
- details of any medical or physical needs, dietary requirements and allergies
- parent/carer details and emergency contact details

At matches which involve an overnight stay the following procedures should also be followed:

Accommodation

- Players will not share beds
- Male and female staff will not share rooms
- Staff must not share rooms or bathrooms with players
- Players of vastly differing ages must not share rooms
- Players aged 18+ must not share rooms with under 18s

Signage should be created for bedroom doors and players know which rooms staff are in and how to contact them if necessary.

General Staff Practice

- Staff should make all players aware of players who are under 18 so they can be encouraged to be mindful of their age
- Staff must "knock and wait" for the door to be opened to player's bedrooms (unless there is an emergency)
- Staff should avoid going into a player's bedrooms alone – if alone they should stand in the doorway with the door open
- Players must not go into staff bedrooms

If a member of staff needs to speak to a player confidentially they should conduct the conversation in a neutral location within sight of others e.g. a quiet spot in hotel reception, outside etc.

Prior to Travel:

Prior to travel written informed consent must be provided by the parent for any under 18 player to attend. Parents must be informed of:

- The purpose of the trip
- Dates, times and place of departure and return
- Details of travel arrangements
- Staffing arrangements and names of staff
- Kit and equipment requirements
- Arrangements for food and drinks

- Details of costs if applicable
- Where the trip is to – hotel address and contact number, venue address and any other places visited
- The name and contact number of a staff member not travelling who holds all details on players, the staff, the trip, venues, arrangements etc.

Where possible a meeting with parents of under 18 players should be held prior to travel for additional information to be given on:

- Details of the itinerary of the trip
- Safeguarding procedures and details of how a concern can be raised
- The codes of conduct for staff and players
- Details of insurance
- Give the parents a chance to ask any questions

Where possible a meeting with players prior to travel should be held to inform them of:

- their codes of conduct
- the accommodation safeguarding policies outlined above
- the staff member to contact if they have any concerns, illnesses or other issues on the trip
- how any safeguarding concerns can be raised
- the contact numbers of staff to contact if they get separated from the group
- the address and contact number of the accommodation and the address of the match venue
- kit requirements
- arrangements for food and drinks