

Roles in Cricket that Require an ECB DBS (Vetting) Check

In order for cricket to remain safe and welcoming for children, appropriate checks must be made for all roles which involve significant contact with children

The following roles require an ECB DBS (Vetting) check. These are roles that are considered regulated activity with children in cricket.

All Stars Childrens Helper
All Stars Childrens Activator
Captain / Vice captain
Club Welfare Officer
Coach
Coach Support Worker
County Welfare Officer
First Aid Responder
Junior Supervisor
Juniors / Colts Manager
League Welfare Officer
Physiotherapist
Safeguarding Recruiter
Scorer
Team manager
Umpire
Volunteer Coordinator Children
Academy Director
Childrens Cricket Talent Scout
Masseur
Medical Staff
Psychologist
Strength/Conditioning Coach

Applications for ECB DBS checks are made online, and must be initiated by somebody within cricket who knows the applicant and the role they wish to undertake in cricket.

Certain roles in the above list are restricted to the Professional game.

The individual cannot take on the role connected unless and until their ECB DBS (Vetting) check is confirmed by ECB as 'Completed'.

The online application is simple and straightforward. If the check is clear, applicants receive an email confirming they may proceed.

What if the DBS certificate is not clear?

If the DBS certificate has content, the applicant receives an email, followed by several reminders, asking them to send the DBS certificate to the ECB Safeguarding Team for review.

*FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION FROM ALL
CRICKET*

Any information present on the DBS certificate is reviewed by the Safeguarding Team for relevancy regarding child safeguarding and or the individual's suitability to work (or volunteer) with children. The existence of previous conviction(s) or caution(s) or other information will not necessarily prevent an individual from taking on the role for which they have applied. The ECB has a policy statement on the recruitment of ex-offenders (See 'ECB Policy Statement on Recruitment of Ex-offenders').

The recruiters of staff and volunteers for roles with children are also advised to take up references.

Roles which are NOT eligible for ECB DBS (Vetting) checks

Roles that do not involve significant contact with children are not eligible for DBS checks. This is because they do not meet the eligibility criteria. The criteria are set by legislation and guidance, not by the ECB

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary (Membership or Fixtures – including Junior Membership secretary)

Bar manager

Ground staff

Administrator

Catering staff / 'Tea Lady'

HOWEVER - where people with these roles also, in reality, perform other roles with significant contact with children, they must obtain an ECB DBS check for what they actually do - for example a committee member or chairperson who regularly looks after children before or after coaching should be checked as a Junior Supervisor.

A groundsman who opens up the ground and looks after children until the coaches arrive is also a Junior Supervisor.

If in doubt about whether an individual should be vetted for their role, contact safeguarding@ecb.co.uk

The DBS Online Update Service

All volunteers are automatically registered with the DBS Online Update service when they apply for an ECB DBS check (unless they opt out). All checks will be renewed annually; the volunteer will not need to do any further applications unless information held by on the DBS check changes.

This option is not available for paid staff / those not deemed by HMRC to be volunteers.

DBS checks from other organisations

The ECB does not accept DBS checks from other organisations. An ECB DBS check must be made.