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SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUBS WITH OPEN-AGE TEAMS



Roles

FA DBS Check

Player Welfare Course

Safeguarding for Committee Members Course

Safeguarding Adults Course

First Aid Course

Club Secretary

● Recommended

Club Chair

● Recommended

Club Treasurer

● Recommended

Club Welfare Officer
(Including Assistants)

● **Mandatory**
(If U18s in Open-Age Teams)

● **Mandatory**

● Recommended

Other Committee Roles

● Recommended

Team Manager/Coach
(Including Assistants)

● **Mandatory**
(If U18s in Open-Age Teams)

● **Mandatory**

(If England Football Accredited, one per team).
○ **Mandatory**
Otherwise Recommended

Team Medic/First Aider
(Including Assistants)

● **Mandatory**
(If U18s in Open-Age Teams)

● **Mandatory**

● Recommended

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SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR NLS 1-4 CLUBS WITH U18 PLAYERS

Roles

	FA DBS Check	Player Welfare Course	Safeguarding for Committee Members Course	Safeguarding Adults Course	
Club Secretary		● Recommended			
Club Chair		● Recommended			
Club Treasurer		● Recommended			
Club Welfare Officer (Including Assistants)	● Mandatory	● Mandatory		● Recommended	
Other Committee Roles		● Recommended			
Team Manager/Coach (Including Assistants)	● Mandatory	● Recommended			
Team Medic/First Aider (Including Assistants)	● Mandatory	● Recommended			

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SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUBS WITH VETS (0 35's) TEAMS



Roles

FA DBS Check

Player Welfare Course

Safeguarding for Committee Members Course

Safeguarding Adults Course

First Aid Course

Club Secretary

● Recommended

Club Chair

● Recommended

Club Treasurer

● Recommended

**Club Welfare Officer
(Including Assistants)**

● **Mandatory**

● Recommended

Other Committee Roles

● Recommended

**Team Manager/Coach
(Including Assistants)**

● **Mandatory**

(If England Football Accredited, one per team).

○ **Mandatory**

Otherwise Recommended

**Team Medic/First Aider
(Including Assistants)**

● **Mandatory**

● Recommended

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SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUBS WITH YOUTH TEAMS



Roles

FA DBS Check

Safeguarding Children Course

Safeguarding for Committee Members Course

Welfare Officer Course

First Aid Course

Club Secretary

● Recommended

● **Mandatory**

Club Chair

● Recommended

● **Mandatory**

Club Treasurer

● Recommended

● **Mandatory**

**Club Welfare Officer
(Including Assistants)**

● **Mandatory**

● **Mandatory**

● **Mandatory**

● **Mandatory**

Other Committee Roles

● Recommended

● Recommended

**Team Manager/Coach
(Including Assistants)**

● **Mandatory**

● **Mandatory**

(If England Football Accredited, one per team).

○ **Mandatory**

Otherwise Recommended

**Team Medic/First Aider
(Including Assistants)**

● **Mandatory**

● **Mandatory**

● Recommended

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SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUBS WITH DISABILITY TEAMS

Roles	FA DBS Check	Safeguarding Adults Course	Safeguarding Children Course	Welfare Officer Course	Player Welfare Course	First Aid Course
Club Secretary		● Recommended			● Recommended	
Club Chair		● Recommended			● Recommended	
Club Treasurer		● Recommended			● Recommended	
Club Welfare Officer (Including Assistants)	● Mandatory <i>(If U18s in Open-Age Teams)</i>	● Mandatory	○ Powerchair ONLY	○ Powerchair ONLY	● Recommended	
Other Committee Roles		● Recommended			● Recommended	
Team Manager/Coach (Including Assistants)	● Mandatory <i>(If U18s in Open-Age Teams)</i>	● Mandatory	○ Powerchair ONLY		● Recommended	<i>(If England Football Accredited, one per team).</i> ○ Mandatory Otherwise Recommended
Team Medic/First Aider (Including Assistants)	● Mandatory <i>(If U18s in Open-Age Teams)</i>	● Mandatory	○ Powerchair ONLY		● Recommended	● Recommended

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH LEAGUES

Roles	FA DBS Check	Safeguarding for Committee Members	Safeguarding Children Course	Welfare Officer Course	First Aid Course
League Secretary		● Mandatory	● Recommended		
League Chair		● Mandatory	● Recommended		
League Treasurer		● Mandatory	● Recommended		
All named Registration Secretaries		● Mandatory	● Recommended		
Youth League Welfare Officer (Including Assistants)		● Mandatory	● Mandatory	● Mandatory	
Other Committee Roles		● Recommended	● Recommended		