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7.30pm**

Safe Hands

In the last few months, the Executive Committee have been discussing the recently announced 'Safe Hands' policy from the ECB. Many of you will have seen the initial press release and we have also just received further clarification from the Norfolk Cricket Board about what the policy will mean to us all.

The essentials of the scheme are shown in the panel below. We imagine that many of our larger clubs may already be well advanced in implementing the various requirements. This article is aimed at smaller clubs: those one-man-bands which are the grass roots of village and recreational cricket.

Structure

The 'Safe Hands' scheme will have a pyramid of people with special responsibilities, from the ECB

Child Protection Manager, through county Welfare Officers, league Welfare Officers to club Welfare Officers.

Adoption

The ECB made clear that the adoption of the policy was mandatory for leagues, associations and clubs, and further mandated that all such organisations should amend their constitutions to reflect the adoption. Our suggested addition to 'The Aims of the Club' is shown

Implementation

It will be mandatory for clubs to:

- ❖ adopt the "Safe Hands" policy
- ❖ appoint a welfare officer
- ❖ facilitate appropriate training
- ❖ ensure that appropriate club officers are checked through the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)
- ❖ ensure that other officers complete 'self-declaration' as required
- ❖ ensure that club members and players are properly registered
- ❖ introduce appropriate procedures to cover topics such as photography, travel, parental or guardian consent, vehicle registration and player profiles

in the box to the right.

In support of the policy, the ECB has produced a comprehensive document - "Welfare of Young People in Cricket" - which can be viewed or downloaded from its website www.ecb.co.uk. On our part, the EC has identified the most likely documents that all clubs will need, and examples of these will be available on our website,

Aims of the Club ...

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club by adopting and implementing the ECB Safe Hands Policy

and will also be sent with your AGM papers.

Although there is still some debate about timescales for the complete implementation, ALL clubs will be expected to have agreed to adopt the policy by April 2005. The NCL itself will also have to amend its own rules to include this mandatory obligation by member clubs. As Derek Cousins says in his NCB Newsletter: "The ... important date ... is the end of April 2005, by which time you must have a Club Welfare Officer in place. Once the Welfare Officer has been approved by ECB, he/she will be able to sign off the club's CRB forms, which will make life easier for everyone."

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Player-of-the-Month

Nominations for August Player of the Month should be sent to Trevor Smith as usual, to arrive by Tuesday, 31 August.

Executive Committee

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Training

After deciding on who is going to be your Welfare Officer, you should aim to give the appointed individual the required training, which in most cases will be the "Good Practice and Child Protection" course. Welfare Officers in larger clubs (those applying for accreditation or running a junior section) will also have to complete the enhanced "Safe Hands" course. Details on courses coming up in the next few months are shown below.

Good Practice and Child Protection

12 Oct Marina Centre, Great Yarmouth

14 Nov Lynn Sport & Leisure Park

2 Dec NNDC Offices, Cromer

12 Jan SNDC Offices, Long Stratton

8 Feb Broadland DC, Yarmouth Rd

24 Feb Leisure Centre, Watton

Booking Forms were sent out with the recent NCB Newsletter.

Criminal Record Bureau Checks

Included in the same newsletter was a table from the ECB, showing those positions which would require a CRB check. These are: Welfare Officer, Club umpire, Colts Manager and Age group Managers, Qualified coach, and qualified umpires and scorers.

The following club officers will need to complete the Self-Declaration: Secretary, Groundsman & assistant, Asst Coach, Development Officer, First Aider, Team Secretary, Website Admin.

This list is a guide only, and individual WOs will need to assess their own club requirements.

End-of-Season Awards

Our Annual Awards Dinner Dance is coming up on 8 October. This year's event will be even bigger because we will have Batsman, Bowler, Runner Up and Champion awards for each of our ten divisions, as well as our President's Awards for Best batsman and Best Bowler, and Hansells Under 19 Batsman and Bowler of the season.

You should also remember that at last year's AGM, members agreed that all teams should submit end of season statistics.

You can kill all these birds with one stone, by sending your statistics (minimum of 2 batsmen and 2 bowlers), including the award nominations, to:

Alan Harris, 18 Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norwich, NR16 1PX to arrive by Thursday, 16 September.

KO Cup Final - 9 August 2004

Saham Toney reached the KO Cup Final for the third year in succession and this year met Horsford A, one of their close challengers for the Div 1 title.

Horsford batted first and were given a good start by John Ward (54) and Tom Henry (44) before Saham evened the contest in the middle overs. But then Mark Owers (65 not) helped Horsford A to reach an impressive 231 for 6 from the allotted 40 overs. In their reply, Saham lost a



couple of early wickets before Matt Thomas (64) and Simon Mower (60) put together a useful partnership which just kept their team in the running. Owers then claimed both wickets.

Many thanks to umpires Colin Scott and Greg Nicholl and to Nick Clitheroe of Norwich Union for once again hosting the KO Cup Final.

A week later, Gt Melton claimed the KO Plate after a 47-run victory over Old Catton at Brooke CC. Matt Clarke (74) and Lee Whiddett (64) provided the backbone of Melton's 225 with a 120 run stand for the second wicket. In reply, J Cook (49) and Paul Daynes (46) both battled to keep Catton in the hunt, but Paul Movel claimed 3-18 in 10 tight overs to claim the Man of the Match award and clinch the trophy.

Thanks once again to all at Brooke for providing the perfect setting.

Sponsorship

After seven successful years, Hansells have announced that their sponsorship of the Hansells Norfolk Cricket League will not be extended beyond 2004.

Mr Roger Holden, Managing Partner of Norwich-based Hansells said that the company had decided to explore other interests. He added: "We have been pleased to have been associated with the Norfolk Cricket league during the last few years which have seen widespread changes, and we wish the league every success in the future."

Keir Hounsoume, NCL's Chairman, said that the League were very grateful for Hansell's involvement. "They helped to introduce a number of new initiatives," he said, "including Player of the Month and Under 19 awards." *Anyone who knows of any other company who may be interested in sponsoring the League from 2005 is asked to contact the Secretary, Alan Harris, on 01379 674427 or via e-mail - harris823aj@aol.com*

Awards Night & Dinner Dance

Friday, 8 October

City Suite, Ramada Jarvis Hotel
Open 6.45 for 7.30pm

£16.95 per head

Bookings, with payment, to

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4 Havelock Road,
Norwich, NR2 3HG**

by
30 September