

# **CLUB AFFILIATION**



TOGETHER, WE ARE KENT

## INTRODUCTION

Players are at the heart of our game, and we want to make cricket easily accessible and enjoyable, whilst ensuring that we continue to communicate effectively but spend less time on administration.

By working closely with the ECB, Kent Cricket can provide a clear and robust package of benefits aimed at supporting you, your club and everyone associated. Affiliation is not simply about registering your team to play. Every club can take advantage of the help and support on offer, to achieve as many of your objectives as possible and to be an active member of our cricket family.

## **CLUB WELFARE**

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Every club is responsible for safeguarding, whether you have a junior section or not. A major part of the ECB Safe Hands Policy is the appointment and training of a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO) who will advise the Club Committee and ensure that safeguarding is being adhered to in the club. In accordance with these ECB Policy, Kent Cricket requires clubs to appoint and train a CSO ready for the start of the cricket season. The CSO must complete two training courses; Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (formerly the Safeguarding Young Cricketers Course) and Safe Hands course, both courses require updating every three years and have a valid ECB DBS.

#### SAFE HANDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

What is Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)?

SHMS is an online Club Management Tool whereby the ECB will require all County Boards and Clubs to input the details of individuals in key regulated roles or those with responsibilities for the management and running of County and Club activities.

- All clubs with junior sections and any club playing in a match where under 18's are present in open age cricket must meet safeguarding standards.
- The club must adhere to the ECB Safe Hands Policy and Procedures.
- Each club must have a trained and vetted Club Safeguarding Officer.
- · All adults who work/supervise children at the club have must have a current ECB DBS check in place.
- · All adults who work/supervise children in cricket must have undertaken the appropriate ECB training.

#### **ECB SAFEGUARDING AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES**

Kent Cricket takes the care and responsibilities of all club members very seriously. All affiliated clubs, as a minimum operating standard, are required to adopt the below policy documents:

- ECB Safe Hands Policy
- ECB Anti-Discrimination Code of Conduct

In addition to protecting children in cricket, the ECB Safe Hands and Anti- Discrimination Policies aims to introduce good practice, raise awareness, and provide peace of mind both for the club and for those visiting the club as part of an opposition team.

### **DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS)**

Some volunteer roles, such as safeguarding officer, scorer, umpire, junior manager, captain, and coach, require vetting or DBS check. For a list of posts that require a DBS check, please go to:

www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies-and-regulations/safeguarding/safer-recruitment

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# **AFFILIATION PACKAGES**

**SPITFIRE** £80

· Regular newsletter and email updates **ELIGIBLITY:** 

• To enter ECB Club Competitions

· To enter County Competitions

- To apply for ECB Grants (where applicable)
- For Kent Cricket ticket offers (where applicable)

#### ACCESS TO:

- · Advice and guidance from the Community Cricket Team · Grounds Management Support and Seminars
- ECB Safehands Workshops and Resources
- Safeguarding courses
- Safe Hands Management System support
- ECB Partner initiatives i.e. Howden's Insurance scheme
- ECB's Club Development Planning Templates

- County Pitch Advisor and pitching reporting services
- Coach Development support and advice
- · Women's and Girls' club development and support
- Support for Disability Champions Clubs
- · Volunteer 'Reward and Recognition' initiatives

## SPITFIRE GOLD

£130

(plus all benefits of Spitfire package)

- Support to achieve/maintain ECB Clubmark Accreditation
- Support to initiate/maintain ECB National **Programmes**
- · Eligible to receive Guard of Honour invitations to selected Kent matches
- 10% discount (in store) on all cricket club ancillary purchases from our Kent Cricket Shop

## **ASSOCIATE**

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For clubs/teams/organisations who want to be affiliated to Kent Cricket without the additional benefits listed in Spitfire and Spitfire Gold categories. Also available to clubs/teams/organisations who play indoor cricket.

Eligible to apply for ECB Interest Free Loan



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