

SCGBA SAFEGUARDING NOTICE 2018

In January 2018 the British Crown Green Bowls Association (BCGBA) passed a rule that all clubs must have a Club Safeguarding Officer by March 2019. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the offending club receiving a penalty, as BCGBA see appropriate. SCGBA Management Committee believe It is essential that, if you have not already done so, your club acts now to ensure that you have a named, trained Safeguarding Officer with a current DBS certificate. This must be issued through the British Crown Green Bowling Association. Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association takes the safeguarding of its members very seriously and will organise access to DBS verification and safeguarding courses.

BCGBA are accredited to Safeguarding Bowls and their information, including a job description and tasks are identified in their guideline templates. This is the “go to” place for SCGBA for the up-to-date Safeguarding.

ALL the vital information can be found on the following website:

<http://www.safeguardingbowls.org/>

SCGBA Safeguarding Officers: Minimum Requirements

- To have a named trained Safeguarding Officer
- To work with SCGBA managers to develop Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

To monitor progress towards all clubs having nominated Safeguarding Officers, SCGBA will record contact details as well as DBS certificate number and attendance at approved safeguarding courses on a secure database.

Club Safeguarding Officer

There are two requirements identified by BCGBA & Safeguarding Bowls that you should ensure you have to fulfil to carry out your role:

- Acquire a DBS certificate in bowls from the Disclosing and Barring Service.
- Attend a sports specific safeguarding awareness course.

Certificates acquired through other organisations including work or other sports cannot be used in the context of your role as a Safeguarding Officer at your bowls club. Certificates must be applied for through the BCGBA. Certificates are provided without charge to organisations with volunteers that meet the criteria. (However, there may be administration fees applied in the future, following a future planned review of SCGBA expenses for these checks). All officers of SCGBA will be DBS checked before they can perform their role.

The DBS refers the details that you provide on the application form to Government and Law Enforcement bodies in accordance with any relevant legislation. The details provided to these bodies will be used for identifying possible matches to records held by them. Where such a match is established, data may be released to the DBS for inclusion on any certificate issued.