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Re. Coaches with no FA CRC – new charges for 2018-19

Dear club,

As you will all know, it is now a requirement of club affiliation and club safeguarding compliancy that all youth clubs list all of their coaches (head and assistant coaches) correctly with the appropriate age group.

These coaches must also hold current in-date and accepted FA CRC checks (as well as the FA Safeguarding Children qualification). Coaches without a valid FA CRC are not permitted to coach until the check has been completed, or where one has run out until it has been renewed.

The best way for clubs to check this is on a person's FAN record via the Whole Game System. Simply put if the FA CRC section is green then the person is cleared to coach youth football. If there is no date listed and/or the FA CRC section is red, then they are not.

Unfortunately we are still coming across some clubs in youth football across the County who have coaches who are not listed on the club records and/or do not have a valid FA CRC. This means clubs are potentially putting their children at risk with a coach who has not been cleared to coach youth football.

Changes for 2018-19

Starting from today, we will now be implementing a charge to any club found to be using a coach who does not have a valid FA CRC and/or is not listed correctly on the club affiliation with the correct age group.

To make this clear.....

- Every coach (head and assistants) must be added to the correct age group not only at the beginning of the season but also as this changes throughout the season. You can do this on the Whole Game System easily. Please check your records are up to date.
- A valid FA CRC means an in-date check that has been accepted by the FA. This is not valid until the date is uploaded and the FA CRC status is green on the person's FAN record. Again, check this on the Whole Game System.

This is not something we hope to have to do very often, but we do hope the possible club charge will give all youth clubs that extra nudge to make sure all coaches are up to date with their FA CRC checks.

Thank you for all the good work you do in safeguarding children at your club.

If you have any questions then please let me know.

Matt Hodgson

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