

WILTSHIRE FA CONTACTS

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SECTION 1: ROLES



Respect



Club Welfare Officer Roles and Responsibilities

As a Club Welfare Officer you have two key responsibilities these are:

- To be clear about the clubs responsibilities when running activities for children and young people. This involves:
- ensuring these responsibilities are well understood by others
- · working with the Youth League Welfare Officer (YLWO)
- · working with your County FA Welfare Officer
- promoting The FA's Respect Programme and helping to develop best practice processes
- To help club personnel understand what their 'duty of care' towards children and young people actually means and entails on a day-to-day basis.
 In order to carry out your responsibilities you need to follow these five simple steps:

a) Put in place:

- a safeguarding children policy, anti-bullying policy and equality policy
- responsible recruitment processes including the taking up of references and submitting FA CRB checks (getting the right people into the game)
- The FA Respect Programme codes of conduct

b) Understand:

- · what the Respect Programme aims to do
- · the benefits of implementing the Respect codes
- the quick wins to be gained by using The FA's safeguarding children best practice guidance (e.g. Travel, Trips and Tournaments, Photography guidelines, Anti-bullying Policy and Safeguarding Children Policy Template)
- why certain roles require an FA CRB check and how The FA CRB process works
- · how to refer a concern about the welfare of a child

c) Communicate with:

- club officials about the Respect Programme and its aims.
- parents/spectators and get them to sign up to the Respect codes
- parents and new players by getting involved with running 'start of season' welcome sessions for members
- coaches and managers about the importance of being consistent role models for their players
- your Youth League Welfare Officer introduce yourself, find out how they can support you and let them know what you are doing to safeguard children in your club
- your County FA Welfare Officer if you need help or advice
- The FA by taking part in surveys, questionnaires, focus groups as and when asked

d) Encourage:

- · parents to complete the Respect education programme
- coaches, team managers, first aiders/medics to complete The FA's Safeguarding Children Workshop
- coaches and team managers to listen to their players thoughts, ideas and views
- the committee to make use of the Respect Programmes designated spectator area at all games

e) Monitor:

- repeated incidents of poor behaviour and liaise with your committee (and where necessary Youth League Welfare Officer or County FA Welfare Officer)
- compliance with FA CRB checks through The FA CRB Unit for those who require one using The FA Safeguarding Online System



SECTION 2: DBS CHECKS

Once you have completed your Safeguarding course, Welfare Officer Workshop, Safeguarding for Committee Members workshop (please see section 4) and have had your own DBS completed, you can officially become the Welfare Officer for your club.

One of your main roles as a Club Welfare Officer will be to process and verify the Criminal Record Checks (DBS) for all of the volunteers in your club. Anyone who is regularly working with young people in your club will need to have a DBS check and you will need to send through the relevant paperwork to verify their three forms of ID documentation.

In order to become a verifier for your football club, you will need to email Kelly. Jones@WiltshireFA.com confirming your FAN, name and club to get the appropriate form to complete.

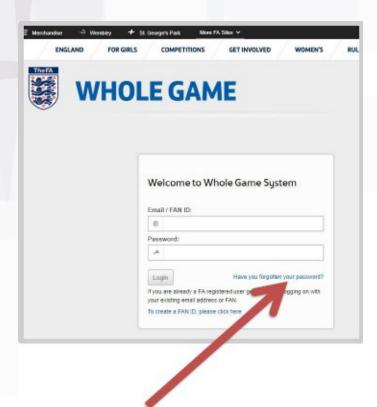
If a volunteer tells you that he/she already has had a DBS (for example whist working as a teacher), unfortunately it cannot be accepted as it is only an FA DBS that we can accept. All DBS's will ned to be renewed every three years. DBSs are only completed once an individuals FAN is updated on WGS accordingly.

SECTION 3: USING THE WGS

As the Club Welfare Officer you can access the Whole Game System giving you access to all of your club details. The other Club Officials who have access are the Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer.

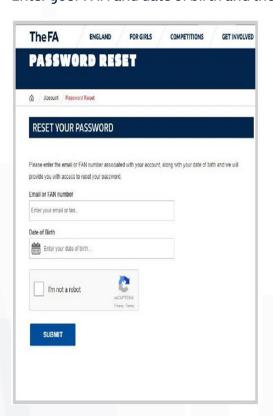
To access the system please click on the link below and follow the guidelines:

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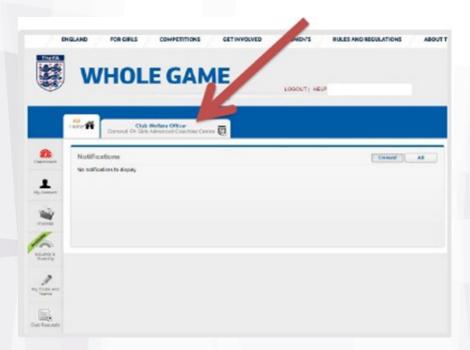


If you have never logged into this site before, click here to create your login details (Forgotten Password).

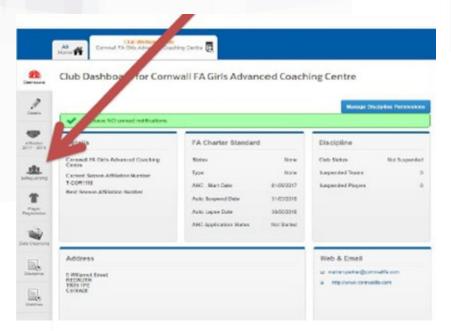
Enter your FAN and date of birth and then submit and follow the instructions.



Once you have logged onto the site you will go straight to your home page. Click on the tab which says Club Welfare Officer and your club name.



Then click on the tab on the left hand side of the page that says safeguarding.



This is the page where you will see the names of the coaches who are involve within your club. Under each name it will a qualification:

- CRC (Criminal Record Check)
- SG (Safeguarding)
- EA (Emergency Aid / First Aid)
- WOW (Welfare Officer Workshop)
- SCM (Safeguarding for Committee Members Workshop)

If the qualification is green it is in date, if it's amber its due to expire within 3 months and if it is red it has expired and will need to be renewed ASAP. The qualifications that are in navy blue have never been taken.



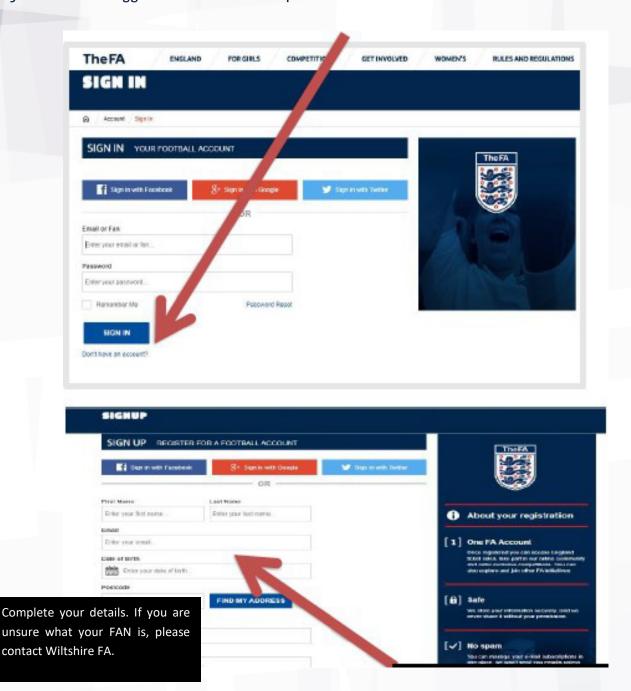
This section of the WGS is probably the most important to you and the most useful for your role as it should enable you to keep a track on everyone in your club and ensure their safeguarding qualification do not expire. There are lots of different ways you can view and sort the qualifications and you can export this information onto a PDF spreadsheet if required.

SECTION 4: SAFEGUARDING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

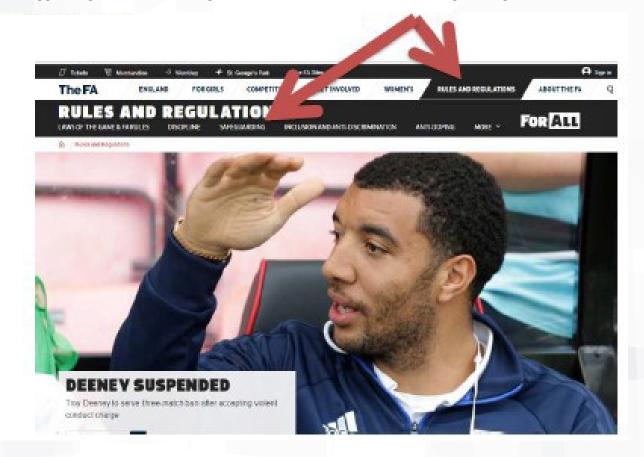
It is mandatory for the four main Club Officials (Secretary, Chairman, Treasurer and Welfare Officer) to complete the online Safeguarding for Committee Members workshop.

This course is free of charge and should take no longer than 40 minutes to complete and will need t be renewed every three years. To access the site log into www.TheFA.com.

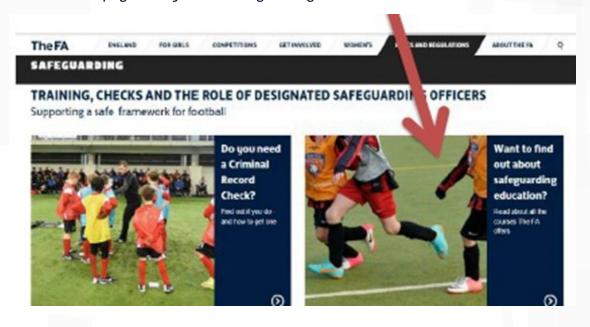
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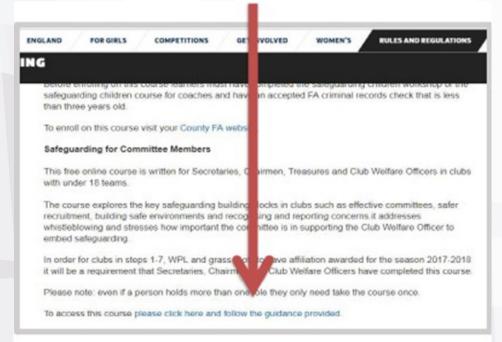
Once logged in go to Rules and Regulations / Governance and then Safeguarding.

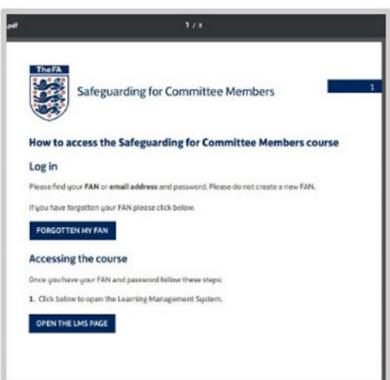


Scroll down the page until you find Safeguarding Education and click the box.



Scroll down the page until you reach Safeguarding for Committee Members and click on the link





SECTION 5: SUPPORT FOR WELFARE OFFICERS

Hopefully now that you have completed your Welfare Officer Workshop you will realise that you are not on your own and there is a range of support for you.

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NSPCC

Helpline: 0800 800 5000

(Advice available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

Useful Websites:

Wiltshire FA Safeguarding Info - www.wiltshireFA.com - navigate to 'Safeguarding' The FA Safeguarding Page - www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding Children in Sport Unit - https://thecpsu.org.uk