

OPEN-AGE ADULT FOOTBALL DBS CHECK – FAQs

RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO PEOPLE WORKING WITH 16/17-YEAR-OLDS

Please note this applies to disability and non-disability Open-Age Adult Football

22. AS WELL AS COACHING AN OPEN-AGE ADULT TEAM I ALSO COACH A YOUTH TEAM. DO I NEED ANOTHER FA DBS CHECK?

No, you can use your accepted Enhanced FA DBS Check for your role in Open-Age Adult Football (which can include 16/17-year-old players) as well as youth football if it is in-date (within the last three years).

23. WE ONLY HAVE ONE UNDER-18 PLAYER IN OUR OPEN-AGE ADULT TEAM, DOES THE COACH STILL NEED A DBS CHECK?

Yes, the coach has a responsibility for the player and must therefore have an accepted in-date FA Enhanced DBS Check.

24. 16/17-YEAR-OLD PLAYERS HAVE REGISTERED WITH OUR TEAM, CHANCES ARE THEY WON'T GET TO PLAY MATCHES; DOES THE COACH STILL NEED A DBS CHECK?

Yes, if you have 16/17-year-old players registered with your team and they are eligible to take part in club training sessions, social activities and matches. Therefore, you have a responsibility for them and must have a coach with an accepted in-date Enhanced FA DBS Check.

25. I'M AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR OUR OPEN-AGE ADULT TEAM. THE COACH HAS AN FA DBS CHECK, DO I STILL NEED TO HAVE ONE?

Yes, all coaches/managers and assistant coaches/managers must have an accepted in-date Enhanced FA DBS Check.

26. MY OPEN-AGE ADULT TEAM HAS 16/17-YEAR-OLD PLAYERS, DO WE NEED TO DBS CHECK OUR ADULT PLAYERS?

No, they do not have a regulated role as such there is no eligibility to check them – the law is clear you cannot check individuals just because they are a player.

27. CAN WE DBS CHECK ALL OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS?

No, not in their capacity as committee members as this is not a 'regulated' role and therefore there is no eligibility to check them. If a committee member has another role that is 'regulated' e.g. CWO (Adult Teams) or physio they must complete an Enhanced FA DBS Check for that 'regulated' role.

28. DOES OUR PHYSIO/ DOCTOR/FIRST AIDER NEED A DBS CHECK?

Yes, individuals require a check where their primary role with the club is that of a First Aider with teams that include 16/17-year-old players. If the club has a physio and/or doctor they must also have an accepted in-date Enhanced FA DBS Check.

29. I'M THE CWO (ADULT TEAMS). HOW DO I GET MY DBS CHECK DONE?

If your club has youth teams as well as adult teams your current CWO (Youth Teams) could manage your checks. Otherwise either contact your CFA to find out how to progress your DBS Check or contact The FA DBS Unit via Tel: 0845 210 8080 or email FAchecks@TheFA.com

30. I'M THE CWO (ADULT DISABILITY TEAMS). HOW DO I GET MY DBS CHECK DONE?

If your club has youth teams as well as adult teams your current CWO (Youth Teams) could manage your checks. Otherwise either contact your CFA to find out how to progress DBS or contact The FA DBS Unit via Tel: 0845 210 8080 or email FAchecks@TheFA.com

31. HOW DOES THE CLUB FIND OUT IF SOMEONE IS SUITABLE TO WORK WITH CHILDREN ONCE THE DBS CHECK IS COMPLETED?

Your Club Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and/or Club Welfare Officer (where appointed) can access the DBS status of coaches, managers and medics via The FA's Whole Game System (WGS), Club/Team Official's pages. For details and support on how to access this information within WGS please contact your local County FA.

32. I ONLY REFEREE ADULT FOOTBALL DO I NEED A DBS CHECK?

No. However, if you choose to officiate youth football in future you must undertake an FA DBS Check for this.

