



UNDER 18's POLICY

The County or Club will follow the procedures as set out by the ESMBA.

The County will keep a register of : Under 18's registered with clubs

Registered players cleared with the DBS service together with their disclosure number.

CLUB level

Any club that has an Under 18 member who is not supervised by a parent/guardian must have a safeguarding officer. By 2028 all clubs are required to have a safeguarding officer who has been DBS checked and has a current enhanced certificate. This is done through the ESMBA.

The Club will keep a record of the junior's : Name

Date of birth

Address

Home telephone number or mobile number

Known medical problems

Parent's/Guardian's name + contact number

The parent/guardian must complete the consent form – see attached. ALL sections of the form should be completed and returned to the club before the young person is accepted into membership of the club.

Matches

The following rules are intended to protect the juniors and not inhibit them.

The junior's parent/guardian must countersign any acceptance reply slip.

Travel arrangements : it is the responsibility of each member of a Club/County team to arrange their own transport to home and away fixtures.

In the case of players under the age of 18 years, the responsibility must pass to their parents/guardians to provide or arrange transport. They can make a private arrangement with a team member.

Additional special rules apply to the transportation of junior players.

If the person in the car is the parent/guardian of the junior there is no problem

If not: 1. There must be at least two adults in the car

2. at least one of the adults must be DBS enhanced cleared by the DBS service and the County has a record of the disclosure number.

At the venue it is the responsibility of all team members to look after the juniors but, additionally, a nominated person with DBS clearance shall take responsibility for that young person's behaviour, well-being and safety, unless they are in the charge of their parent/guardian.