



CHILDREN IN GOLF – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANAGERS

Kirstie Thirde, England Golf, gives recommendations for dealing with young people and vulnerable adults at the golf club.

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At the recent Regional Secretaries Conference held in Weston-super-Mare, Kirstie Thirde, Compliance Officer from England Golf, gave a full presentation on the ongoing recommendations for Golf Clubs when dealing with young people and vulnerable adults.

First of all, the requirement for Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) [**now known as Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)*] checks for those with direct contact with the Junior section is now well known to most. However it is a strong recommendation that the Secretary/Manager also complies with this. This will also apply to the Professionals, Junior Organisers and all the volunteers involved with this section of the Golf Club. See the England Golf website (below) for further information and advice concerning the Criminal Records Bureau/ Disclosure and Barring Service.

Secondly it is highly recommended that the Secretary/Manager complete a minimum of a 3-hour workshop for those who work with children in golf. Attendance at such a course will fulfil two main functions:

1. Safeguard themselves as a secretary/manager, other staff involved with the Juniors in any way, all volunteers and ultimately the golf club as an organisation.
2. Provide a safe environment for young people and vulnerable adults.

By taking the lead in this way the Secretary/Manager demonstrates how important this section of the golf club is, not only in the future of the club but in the respect of the individual, irrespective of their age or status.

The **Children in Golf** workshops (see: <http://www.childreningolf.org/workshops>) are aimed at Golf Professionals, Junior Organisers, Girls' Junior Organisers, Volunteers and Club Secretaries/Managers, or contact your Home Union Representative for details of the next course in your area.

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<http://www.EnglandGolf.org/page.aspx?sitesectionid=324&sitesectiontitle=Safeguarding+Children>

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks (previously CRB checks)

* <http://www.Englandgolf.org/page.aspx?siteSectionid=393&siteSectiontitle=DBS+-+Vetting+Staff+and+Volunteers>

* <https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check/overview>

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