

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Updated 24 July 2020

EXISTING ACCREDITED COACHES AND LICENSED OFFICIALS

Any coaches and officials whose Accreditation or Licence has recently expired or is due to expire in the coming months, an extension will be applied to their Grace Period End Date to 31st July 2020. This will provide temporary relief of all prerequisites including DBS, safeguarding and first aid training and CPD credits.

EXISTING WELFARE OFFICERS

Welfare Officers have been given a period of leniency during which time their DBS and safeguarding training requirements will not apply. This will be in place until 31st July.

VENUE SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

We would like to say thank you to all Welfare Officers, volunteers, coaches and others who have been working hard to maintain safeguarding standards during these unprecedented times. Nothing is more important than the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk playing our sport and your hard work is appreciated.

As we move to gradually re-open tennis activity, we also begin to approach the next Venue Registration window. It is therefore important that venues continue to be aware that in order to Register for 2021, any coaches who are qualified to Level 3 or above must be LTA Accredited or LTA Accredited+.

Provided below is an update on the DBS check and safeguarding training requirements linked to LTA Coach Accreditation, which we encourage you to read in full.

DBS CHECKS

The LTA is implementing further temporary changes to DBS checks required for roles in tennis. This decision has been made in light of the resumption of certain elements of tennis activity, which has resulted in some roles requiring a DBS check.

The period of leniency remains in place. As a reminder, this means that any individuals whose DBS checks with the LTA were due to expire before 31 July 2020, will not be required to renew their DBS check until that time. However, we will be re-opening our DBS system to allow new applications from the 15 June 2020 primarily to allow new applicants to the role of accredited coach or welfare officer but also to allow people to begin get their DBS check in place for the 1 August 2020.

Individuals can apply in the normal manner, however, due to social distancing measures it is necessary to implement changes to the ID checking process. All applicants will be required to have their ID check completed through the post office. There is an additional fee of £5 (payable to the post office directly).

[Updated 24/07/20] From 30 July 2020, we will be re-opening our full ID checking service and would encourage individuals to keep checking our [DBS page](#) for updates should there be any changes. There will be guidance on how ID checks should be conducted in line with social distancing.

This process will remain under weekly review and may be amended in line with [DBS guidance](#) and [Government guidance](#).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The period of leniency remains in place for safeguarding training. This means that any individuals whose current training is due to expire before 31 July 2020, will not be required to renew their training until that time.

Whilst this is the case, there are several options through which individuals can complete online safeguarding training which will temporarily meet face-to-face training requirements.

Provider	Description	Who can attend
UK Coaching	UK Coaching has launched an Online Classroom to replace the existing Safeguarding & Protecting Children face-to-face workshop. The interim virtual training allows delegates to ask questions in a safe environment facilitated by a qualified safeguarding tutor. It also provides the opportunity to discuss specific safeguarding issues that arise during the training. There is a £30 fee to complete this training (payable to UK Coaching direct).	Anyone applying for a role (e.g. Coach Accreditation) which requires safeguarding training and they haven't completed face to face training within the last three years OR Anyone who needs to renew safeguarding training (either face-to-face or online) completed within the last three years.
The LTA	The LTA will be running live webinars of its Safeguarding and Protection in Tennis face-to-face workshop. This virtual training will allow delegates to ask questions and discuss safeguarding issues during the training in a safe environment. The webinars will be facilitated by a member of the LTA Safeguarding Team or an LTA safeguarding tutor. [Updated 22/07/20] This course is now completed and is being advertised on www.lta.org.uk/courses .	Anyone applying for a role (e.g. Coach Accreditation) which requires safeguarding training and they haven't completed face to face training within the last three years OR Anyone who needs to renew safeguarding training (either face-to-face or online) completed within the last three years.
The LTA	The LTA will be releasing a new free e-learning course*. This is currently under	Anyone who has completed face-to-face training within the last three years.

	development and there will be a communication when it is available.	
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If an individual has completed an external face-to-face safeguarding training through another provider within the last three years, they can send a copy of their certificate of attendance to participation.support@lta.org.uk for review as to whether it can be accepted.

*Individuals who complete this course will be required to complete face-to-face training for their next renewal (i.e. in the next three years).