

Suffolk Cricket Safeguarding Update: January 2026

Safe Hands Course - Book your place!

We're looking forward to delivering the first Safe Hands Course next week at Copdock & OI CC. This face to face course is a requirement for all Club Safeguarding Officers and is valid for 3 years. We also welcome Club Chairs and Committee meetings to attend and increase their knowledge on what's required from clubs.

- Thursday 29th January at Copdock & OI CC **Booking Link:** <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/8MkQZy>
- Wednesday 25th February at Bury St Edmunds CC **Booking Link:** <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/27Q911>

Safeguarding Level 2 Online Training

Safeguarding Level 2 is the new course from the ECB and replaces the previous *Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (SSR)* courses. This course is required for the following regulated roles and can be accessed via the following link: [Safeguarding Level 2 Online Course Enrolment](#)

DBS Applications – Regulated Roles

Please begin the DBS application process for anyone taking on a regulated role within your club. Starting this early helps avoid delays and ensures everyone is in place and compliant before cricket activity begins.

Safe Hands Management System – 2026 Updates

A gentle reminder to ensure your club's Safe Hands Management System is fully up to date for 2026. Please update details for any new or changing club officials so records are accurate ahead of the season. Please note: Qualifications & DBS Statuses can take up to 48 hours to update on this system

Understanding Neurodiversity in Grassroots Sport - Free Online Training

On 3rd February (6.30pm - 8pm), Active Suffolk will be joined by Danny Matharu, founder of WithinU, for this interactive introductory workshop. Attendees will also receive a variety of resources to further embed learning, develop plans to enhance your inclusive offering at your club, and share key information on your social media platforms. **This is a fully funded event and you can sign up now through the following link so** [Understanding Neurodiversity in Grassroots Sport Tickets, Tue, Feb 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Juniors Playing Open Age Cricket

For the 2026, Suffolk Cricket will continue to maintain our policy that only Children in Year 8 (in the September of the preceding year, i.e. Sept 2025) will be eligible for any form of Open Age Cricket. No exceptions are to be made, and we would expect all clubs to maintain this position. Communications will be sent to clubs in due course.

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