



***Pentathlon GB* Child Protection Policies, Services and Procedures**

Child Protection - Frequent Questions and Answers

CRBs

What does CRB stand for?

CRB stands for 'Criminal Record Bureau' process.

What is an Enhanced Disclosure?

An Enhanced Disclosure is a printed record containing information from the Police National Computer, local Police intelligence and a check of Government lists of those people banned from working with children. *Pentathlon GB* uses the information to help decide if a person is suitable to work with children in MP.

For more detailed information about Enhanced Disclosures [click here](#)

Is an Enhanced Disclosure the same as a Police check?

Different people call the CRB process by different names. The term 'Police check' is sometimes used. It is not the same as a print out from the local Police station nor is not a 'self declaration' where people declare their history. It is much more detailed and a true record of the person's history.

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Why do people involved in MP need to have a CRB check?

Not everyone in MP needs to have a CRB check. The law requires that *Pentathlon GB* ensures that we do not allow those who are banned from working with children to be involved in MP. The CRB check is how *PGB* identifies people who are banned. It also allows *PGB* to make responsible recruitment decisions about whether people have significant histories that are a potential risk to children. If they do *Pentathlon GB* can prevent them from being involved in youth football.

How do I know if I need to do a CRB Disclosure?

Those who are working directly with children and young people in MP need to have an Enhanced CRB check. This means that if you care for, train, supervise or have sole care of children and young people under the age of 18 in MP as part of your duties you do need to have a CRB check.

How do I get an CRB Disclosure?

If you are an employee of *PGB*, the employer will be obliged to arranged for a CRB check to be carried out. You will be informed of this and asked to complete a submission form. This will be coordinated through the Child Protection officer.

How much does it cost?

PGB charge is £12 for volunteers. This covers all the administration, advice, guidance and any actions needed as a result of the Disclosure.

For those taking an income from the game the CRB charges an additional fee of £36. This money

goes directly to the Home Office. This means if you are taking an income from the sport the cost is a total of £48.

I have got a check for my work. Do I need another one?

Yes. *Pentathlon GB* has taken advice on this and there are real risks in carrying Disclosures from one job to another. For full information about the risks and dangers please [click here](#) *Pentathlon GB* hopes that a new Act (Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act) that comes in to being in September 2008 may make it easier to transfer checks from one post to another, but recognizes this is currently not clear. As soon as MPAG has more information we will update these FAQ's.

I have got a check for my role in another sport/volunteer group. Do I need another one?

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How long does it take to get an CRB Disclosure?

This partly depends on the person applying but is likely to be about six weeks.

What if the information on my CRB Disclosure is wrong?

This is called a dispute. You need to ring the Criminal Records Bureau in Liverpool 0870 90 90 778 The *PGB* cannot make any changes on your behalf you must ring. For more information about the Dispute process click here

Who will see my Disclosure?

You will get a copy delivered to your home address and *Pentathlon GB* will receive a copy. If the copy is clear of information a record will be kept stating that you have completed the process and there is currently no known reason why you should not be accepted into football. Your Disclosure will then be destroyed immediately. Your club will be told what is on your Disclosure. If, however, you are suspended your Club/Event Organiser will be told of the suspension.

Where can I get more information?

For more about the CRB process visit www.crb.gov.uk or call general enquiries on 0870 90 90 811 To find out more about the law and ex offenders visit www.nacro.org.uk

Do I need to give my consent to my child travelling in someone's vehicle?

Yes. If you are not offered one of these by the team manager or coach then please request one or download one from the *PGB* website.

Do I need to give my consent to my child staying overnight in connection with MPAG training or competitions?

Yes. If you are not offered one of these by the team manager or coach then please request one or download one from the *PGB* website

What if you accidentally hurt a child?

If you accidentally hurt a child and they seem distressed in any manner, appear sexually aroused by your actions, or misunderstand something you have done, report any such incident immediately to another Coach/official and make a brief written note of it. You should also inform the child's parents/carers, preferably in person.

Is touching OK?

If a coaching technique would benefit from physical contact or support then first ask the athlete's permission (eg would you mind if I held your shoulders to show you what I mean?) It is useful to take time to explain why and how this is used to the athlete and their parent or carer.

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