

England Netball CRB checks

England Netball is firmly committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all young people to play netball. England Netball has introduced CRB checks as part of a process of safer recruitment of staff and volunteers working with young people in the sport.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a CRB check?

CRB stands for "Criminal Records Bureau". England Netball uses a type of check called 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 and young people.

What do you mean by children and young people?

All those who are under the age of 18

Why do people working in Netball need to have a check?

The check allows England Netball to identify those people who are banned from working with children and young people, and to subsequently ensure that they are not involved in junior Netball.

The check also allows England Netball to identify those with a history which may pose a potential risk to children, and to make responsible decisions about whether those people should be involved in junior Netball

Does everyone working in Netball need to be checked?

No. An Enhanced Disclosure is not required for all roles in Netball, and the role title a person holds does not necessarily indicate whether or not they are eligible for a check.

To require a check, in general the type of work will involve regularly caring for, supervising, training or being in sole charge of children.

Examples include:

Coach
Assistant Coach
Umpire
Team Manager
First Aider/Physiotherapist
Scorer
Welfare Officer

What if I'm unsure whether or not I, or a member of my club, needs a check?

You can contact TMG CRB on 0115 969 4606 for advice

What if I do more than one role?

You will only need one check regardless of the number of roles you do in Netball. Choose the role that you spend most time on.

I already have a check from another organisation, do I really need another one?

Yes. The check is not portable from one job or organisation to another and therefore if you are working in Netball you will need to have an England Netball check. England Netball has taken expert advice on this.

I am a teacher, do I still need an England Netball check to work outside of the school environment?

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What do I need to do to get my check done?

All you need to do is contact your regional unit:

North East – northeast@englandnetball.co.uk

North West – northwest@englandnetball.co.uk

Yorkshire & Humberside – yorksandhumber@englandnetball.co.uk

West Midlands – westmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk

East Midlands – eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk

East – east@englandnetball.co.uk

London & South East – londonandsoutheast@englandnetball.co.uk

South – south@englandnetball.co.uk

South West – southwest@englandnetball.co.uk

or Ayesha Malik on ayesham@englandnetball.co.uk.

You will be sent a form and some guidelines as to what to do next.

How long does the England Netball CRB check take?

This may vary depending on the applicant but is likely to be between 4 - 6 weeks. If there are mistakes on the form, or missing information, the applicant will be contacted and this may slow the process down.

For this reason, it is important that you enter a contact telephone number when prompted on the form.

You should not assume that there is a problem if a check takes longer, this may be due to a number of reasons, such as the applicant has lived at several addresses.

How much does it cost?

For volunteers working in Netball the check costs £12.50. If you receive payment for the work that you do (outside of expenses for travel and subsistence) then the CRB charge

an addition £36.00 which goes directly to the Home Office. So if you are not a volunteer it will cost you £48.50.

What happens if there is something on the disclosure?

England Netball will be notified and its Case Management Group will determine whether or not the applicant is deemed appropriate to work with children and young people in Netball. Each disclosure is considered on a case by case basis.

If the person is banned from working with children and young people in Netball the relevant parties will be informed of the ban but not the reasons for it.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this please contact Jenny Hotchkiss at jennyh@englandnetball.co.uk

Who will see my disclosure?

You will get a copy delivered to your home address and England Netball may see 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 work in Netball.

You do not need to show your disclosure to anyone else, including your club, county or regional personnel, who are not at liberty to ask to see it.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about the CRB process visit www.crb.gov.uk or call general enquiries on 0870 90 90 811

For more information on England Netball's Safeguarding Young People policies and procedures visit www.englandnetball.co.uk/Safeguarding