

This latest review is also not yet law but our estimate is, it will come into force sometime in July 2010. Our advice is to be ready for July and take on board the alterations as they are less draconian than the present proposed laws. We will inform you as matters change.

## REGULATION AFFECTING SPORT AND RECREATION

### Vetting and barring review December 2009

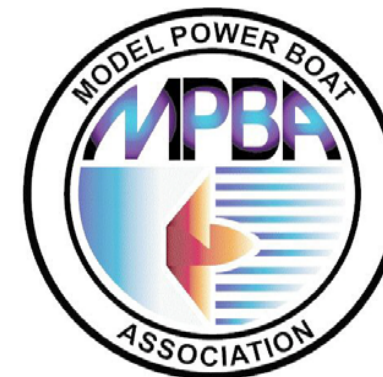
Sir Roger Singleton has now completed his review of the 'intensity' and 'frequency' of contact with vulnerable people that should require an individual to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority. The aim of the review was to ensure that the Vetting and Barring Scheme strikes the right balance between offering protection without being overly burdensome. The Government has accepted Sir Roger's recommendations in full as follows:

- **Recommendation 1:** Mutually agreed and responsible arrangements made between parents and friends for the care of their children will not be affected by the Vetting and Barring Scheme.
- **Recommendation 2:** Where organisations (such as schools, clubs or groups) make the decisions as to which adults should work with children then the requirement to register should apply, subject to the frequent and intensive contact provisions.
- **Recommendation 3:** The frequent contact test should be met if the work with children takes place once a week or more. The intensive contact test should be met if the work takes place on 4 days per month or more, or overnight.
- **Recommendation 4:** Individuals who go into different schools or equivalent settings to work with different groups of children, will not be required to register unless their contact with the same children is frequent or intensive.
- **Recommendation 5:** The minimum registration age at which young people who engage in regulated activity as part of their continuing education should be reviewed.
- **Recommendation 6:** Overseas visitors bringing their own groups of children to the UK (e.g. to international camps or the Olympics) will have a three months exemption from the requirement to register.
- **Recommendation 7:** Exchange visits, lasting less than 28 days, where overseas parents accept the responsibility for the selection of the host family, should be regarded as private arrangements and would not require registration.
- **Recommendation 8:** Government will consider the position of some self-employed health care practitioners and whether a duty should be placed on them to register with the scheme.
- **Recommendation 9:** Government will review the continuing need for 'Controlled Activity'.
- **Recommendation 10:** Government will review both the statutory requirements and its advice in relation to the continuing need for CRB disclosures for safeguarding purposes.

#### What this means for sport and recreation

The key change is that the threshold for 'frequent' engagement is now **once per week, rather than once a month**. This may reduce the number of people required to register. The implications of other recommendations, such as those relating to young people engaging in regulated activity as part of their education are not yet fully known. It appears that the relationship between CRB checks and the vetting and barring scheme will also be reviewed.

## ASSOCIATION CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULTS LAW (C.C.P.R.)



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Model Power Boating  
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Founded in 1924*

Explanation Leaflet

In July 2010 a new ruling will become law which affects anyone working with children under 18 years old or vulnerable adults either in a paid job or as a volunteer, this includes organisers of sports and hobby activities.

Through the C.C.P.R Peter Revill and Jan Taylor attended a workshop on behalf of the members of the M.P.B.A to get relevant information and to find out how this would directly affect our members, after listening to the presentation and asking several questions specific to our sport the following information has been drawn up and should be used as

It must be stated at this stage that the final wording of the law has not been determined and should anything change we will notify the membership as soon as possible.

From the information available we have come to the conclusion that for the most part our members will not have to register with the **Independent Safeguarding Authority (I.S.A)** or have C.R.B checks carried out,

From July 2010 any event over three consecutive days or taking place **more than once a month on a regular basis** which is **directly aimed** at people under 18 years old or **vulnerable adults** will require **the organising club** to register the person in charge of the event or team leader (at the clubs own expense) **OR** to check their registration if this person already is registered under the I.S.A scheme simply by obtaining the persons unique I.S.A registration number and checking to see if the registration is still valid. This service is free of charge and is done on line.

An example of this is the Team leader(s) for the Multi / circuit World championships who will have to register as the events specify a junior entry and is over three days duration, this is applicable under the new law even though the parents will be travelling with the children because the team leader is deemed to be able to influence the child and puts the child at risk of grooming.

The liability for failing to register or check the registration is that of the individual club committee or the individual if one person is working alone, and not that of the N.E.C. The cost of each registration is £64 and can be done through the C.C.P.R or any other umbrella body an administration charge is also applicable.

A ruling is also to be put in place to prevent unnecessary registration or malicious checking / reporting and those using the service will be required to register their interest before information can be obtained about an individual.

Failure to comply with this act carries a fine or a maximum prison term of 6 months although there will be an initial period of leniency.

**IMPORTANT - This law does not invalidate our own Child Protection Policy which was drawn up to safeguard our members / any children or vulnerable adults connected to our sport and to satisfy our insurers, therefore all members are required to continue to follow the policy alongside of the new I.S.A law.**

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