

# STANDARDS FOR DEPLOYMENT

## ASSISTANT COACHES AND ROLES THAT FACILITATE PLAY

This paper outlines the mandatory safeguarding standards for those who are deployed on-court at LTA Registered Venues but are not currently captured under mandatory Coach Accreditation requirements (which apply to all Level 2 – 5 coaches). These are mandatory requirements for individuals working in a paid or voluntary capacity and have been developed taking into account legal requirements as well as NSPCC and statutory guidance.

**There are broadly two types of on-court activity that fall outside the scope of mandatory Coach Accreditation:**

**1. Assistant coaches (including all LTA Assistants (Level 1) Coaches):** An Assistant Coach is someone who supports in the delivery of a coaching session that is led by an LTA Accredited Coach (Level 2 to 5 or an external equivalent qualification recognised by LTA). These standards apply to paid and voluntary activity. In addition to a qualification, if an individual is assisting coaching sessions/an active Level 1 coach, they require:

- a. An LTA enhanced DBS check with the child barred list within the last three years if they are 16 years old or over. In Scotland, a PVG will be required\*.
- b. Online safeguarding training relevant to your role within the last three years through the LTA or an equivalent course via another appropriate organisation, if you are 16 years old or over.

N.B. first aid: the LTA recommend where practically possible that there is a first aider on site that can respond should an incident happen. This could be the person delivering the activity but it could also be another individual on site.

**If you are leading coaching sessions (including all LTA Instructors/Level 2 and above):** You are required to be LTA Accredited.

**2. Facilitating play (including Tennis Leaders & Activators):** This includes any paid or voluntary on-court activity that is not deemed coaching\*\* e.g. activity such as LTAYouth Go!, LTA Free Park Tennis, club nights, taster sessions, open days, informal friendly competitions, hitting sessions, team training/drills sessions. People who have undertaken Tennis Leader and Tennis Activator training as well as individuals who have no formal award or training fall under this umbrella – irrespective of whether they deliver independently or deliver with or assist another person. The requirements for these individuals are:

- a. An LTA enhanced DBS check with the child barred list within the last three years if you are 16 years old or over. In Scotland, a PVG will be required\*\*.
- b. Online safeguarding training relevant to your role within the last three years through the LTA or an equivalent course via another appropriate organisation, if you are 16 years old or over.

N.B. first aid: the LTA recommend where practically possible that there is a trained first aider on site that can respond should an incident happen. This could be the person delivering the activity but it could also be another individual on site readily available to respond.

\*For these roles, the LTA assumes the individual is operating within the definition of Regulated Activity in England and Wales, or Regulated Work in Scotland. If an individual believes they are not engaged in regulated activity and therefore do not require a criminal record check or should undertake a different level of check for their role, they should get in touch with the LTA via our [customer support team](#).

\*\*Facilitation of play (often referred to as Activation) differs from coaching because there is an absence of purposeful, expert, and guided technical or tactical development, which is what a coach is trained, through formal qualifications, to provide.

This document does not include insurance related guidance, visit the Howden website or refer to the deployment principles for information on this topic. These standards apply to all disciplines and forms of tennis and Padel.