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Dear Secretaries,

As you will be aware, there has been well publicised concerns raised, regarding the mental and physical well-being of the public, and in particular, children during the Covid epidemic.

We regularly review of our policies and have reviewed London ABA's Child Protection Policy (attached) to consider the impact of Covid on our sport.

Whilst we remain satisfied with our child protection policy, as part of London ABA's drive for continuous improvement we aim to improve on our processes and procedures.

One way in which we can enhance our commitment to child welfare and comply with child protection regulation is to ask that our affiliated clubs to:

1. Comply with the requirements of London ABA's Child Protection Policy
2. Appoint a child welfare officer to your club as soon as possible and confirm to London ABA when you have done so.
3. Ensure you nominate a child welfare officer in training as soon as possible

London ABA are committed to ensuring that **ALL** affiliated clubs will have a club welfare officer in place before the start of next season.

Whilst we appreciate that some clubs have introduced welfare officers into their clubs, others have not. An accredited welfare course usually takes 3 hours and costs between £20 to £30 per person. In addition to attendance in person, there are online courses available. A qualification usually lasts 3 years.

We believe that it is an ideal time for clubs to take stock of their status and review their administrative processes to ensure that their club is compliant with child protection and welfare regulations.

In order to assist clubs in meeting their legal obligations, London ABA are exploring the possibility of supporting our clubs by arranging child welfare courses for its coaches and officials. We will also consider whether we can subsidise the cost. If, however, you are able to access welfare courses for your officials and coaches then you should do so as soon as possible.

We will issue further communications in due course to provide you with more information.

In the meantime, if you require more information or clarity then please contact the London office.

Regards,

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Secretary, London A.B.A.