

Dear Members,

2024 marks the latest step in IMMAF youth safeguarding. As indicated last year, alongside the introduction of the Declaration of Honour, all coaches and team leaders attending IMMAF Youth Championships will be required to complete an official police criminal record check or national equivalent, to be approved for event credentials.

National Federations are responsible for gathering the necessary criminal record checks from all event coaching staff, specifically relating to violent crimes, sex offences or youth exploitation.

Documents must be delivered online only to the Safeguarding Committee Liaison, Sophie Mueller: sophie.mueller@immaf.org, who will be your point of contact for questions or support on safeguarding requirements. Documents will only be seen by the Safeguarding Committee and will be kept confidential.

The latest safeguarding requirements have been initiated by the IMMAF Safeguarding Committee, chaired by Dev Kumar Parmer, and with the support of IMMAF Athlete Commission chairperson and former IMMAF World Champion, Irman Smajic.

Please read the key details and instructions below:

- 1. Police criminal record checks or national equivalent, which specify any convictions or any official warnings, are required for all youth team coaches and team leaders. Completed documents for team coaching staff must be submitted together via the national federation prior to the event.**
- 2. Documents must be delivered online only to the Safeguarding Committee Liaison, Sophie Mueller: sophie.mueller@immaf.org.**

- 3. Documents will be valid for IMMAF events until the end of the calendar year in which they were issued.**
- 4. Declaration of Honour forms will still be required for all coaches and team leaders, at all youth, senior and junior events. These will be signed at event registration as part of the check-in process.**

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