

Community Cricket COVID-19 Match Day Guidelines for application in local Playing Conditions



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HYGIENE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Participants should disinfect their hands with an alcohol-based disinfectant whenever entering or exiting the field.**
- There is to be no spitting or clearing of nasal passages at before, during or after matches.
- Team huddles, shaking hands, giving high fives and other physical contact is to be avoided.
- Participants and spectators should maintain a social distance of 1.5m from other people not in their household.
- Participants and spectators are encouraged to not spend any unnecessary time at the venue either before or after the match.

THE BALL

- **Neither saliva nor sweat shall be purposefully applied to the ball.**
- The ball shall be cleaned with an alcohol-based disinfectant wipe at every scheduled break in play including drinks breaks, tea breaks and lunch breaks.¹
- In the instance that saliva has been applied to the ball, it shall be immediately wiped with an alcohol-based disinfectant wipe.²
- At the fall of a wicket or a break in play, the ball shall be rolled near or placed next to stumps at the non-striker's end.³
- Umpires shall not be required to handle or otherwise touch the ball.⁴

EQUIPMENT

- **The sharing of any equipment should be minimised wherever possible.**
- Shared equipment shall be cleaned with detergent and an alcohol-based disinfectant before and after each use by a participant.^{5,6}
- Players and officials should disinfect their hands before and after handling or disinfecting any shared equipment.
- Players shall bring to the match their own personal items including drink bottles, food, sunscreen etc.

PLAYERS' APPAREL

- **Umpires shall not be required to handle players' apparel.⁷**
- Clothing items not being worn by a bowler may be left 3m beyond the nearest boundary OR at the top of the bowler's run up directly behind the stumps.
- If the ball strikes an item of the bowler's apparel that has been placed on the ground, penalty runs shall not be recorded, and dead ball shall not be called.
- The fielding team may continue to place helmet that is not in use behind the stumps at the striker's end – the usual penalty runs, and dead ball, shall apply.
- A batter shall continue to wear a helmet that they have brought onto the field of play whenever they are on strike.

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Notes

- ¹ It is recommended that a drinks break be scheduled every 40 minutes for this purpose and to also ensure the adequate hydration of all participants
- ² This process may also be necessary in the instance where a spectator or passer-by handles or touches the ball.
- ³ In the event of inclement weather, the ball should be placed inside a plastic “clip-lock” bag or an alternative waterproof container.
- ⁴ An umpire may request the fielding team to present and display the ball from a safe distance for a periodic visual inspection.
- ⁵ This includes items used to assist with umpiring and scoring.
- ⁶ Particular care should be given to helmets and it is recommended that at least 4 helmets are used in rotation to permit thorough disinfecting between users.
- ⁷ Players shall always be responsible for their own attire and teammates shall not handle or hold attire on behalf of other players.

Further guidance can be obtained at <https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/covid-19/return-to-playing>