

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE FAQs FOR WALES

### **Why are there different documents for England and Wales being published at different times?**

As Wales has a devolved Government, they have the responsibility to make decisions on the easing of lockdown restrictions in Wales. The Welsh Government undertakes a legal review of the current Alert Level and restrictions on a three-weekly basis. At the announcement of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, restrictions on organised outdoor activity for children/U18s were lifted in Wales. Adult/Over 18 organised activity is due to be considered at the 22<sup>nd</sup> April review.

We continue to work closely with Cricket Wales and the Welsh Government and will update our guidance accordingly as soon as the detail of any regulation change is known.

## COVID –19 GUIDANCE FAQs FOR ENGLAND

### **Are Spectators allowed and what are the permissible exemptions?**

Under current Government guidance spectators are not permitted in any indoor or outdoor sport facility at Step 1B (29<sup>th</sup> March onwards), however a number of exemptions apply.

Exemptions apply to carers for people with disabilities, or adults needed to supervise under-18s in a safeguarding role. Where it is necessary for them to be present, supervising adults should not mix with others from outside their household or support bubble.

### **Are there likely to be any travel restrictions?**

In England, from the 29<sup>th</sup> of March it is permitted to travel for organised sport. Participants should always check that it is safe to travel before you set out to take part in organised cricket activity.

You should minimise travel wherever possible, but you can travel within England to take part in informal and organised cricket, where necessary. You cannot currently stay away from home overnight for cricket.

You can find more information in the government's [guidance on safer travel](#).

### **What if I live in Wales but want to play in England?**

Participants need to abide by the local restrictions of where they live. Therefore, people living in Wales will need to abide by the Welsh Government's guidance on travel restrictions (which, from March 27<sup>th</sup> is 'Stay in Wales', until a review on April 12<sup>th</sup>). For participants living in England, you will not be permitted to travel into Wales without a reasonable excuse, as detailed in the regulations, until at least 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### **When can we open our changing rooms and club houses?**

Changing rooms must remain closed except for disabled persons and emergency requirements. Participants should arrive in their kit ready to play and should return home in their kit.

Clubhouses including social and hospitality facilities must remain closed, but toilet and hand washing provision is permitted subject to risk assessment, occupancy limits, suitable ventilation and frequent and

effective cleaning. We are awaiting further Government guidance on this and will update our cricket specific guidance accordingly.

**What size of group can we have and what child supervision and coaching ratios should we aim for at practice sessions?**

The Government have not stipulated any restrictions on group sizes. Therefore, organised cricket and supervised children’s cricket can take place outdoors in safe numbers subject to a venue and activity COVID risk assessment.

Each venue and activity provider will have different amount of outdoor space and resource. The safe number of participants should be determined by a venue risk assessment and the venue must be able to demonstrate that social distancing can be maintained between participants (except in the limited circumstances during competitive play).

Your participants should feel safe when participating in cricket activity – listen to feedback related to numbers and if necessary, reduce group sizes.

You will also need to consider how your venue maintains social distancing at pick up and drop off times and staggering start times may be more applicable for some venues.

ECB guidance on supervision and coaching ratios for supervised children’s activity should be maintained (with social distancing) - please note that the tables below set out the maximum number of participants per adult/activator/coach. Where your risk assessment determines that reduced participant numbers are required due to space restrictions for example, you must reduce the number of participants accordingly:

<b>Supervision ratios must be adhered to as a minimum for clubs/activity providers looking after groups of children:</b>			
<i>Age group</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Other considerations</i>
8 and under	1	8	for single gender groups, there must be at least one same gender supervising adult. For mixed groups there must be at least one male and one female supervising adult.
9 and over	1	10	

<b>Recommended qualified coach/activator to participant ratios:</b>		
<i>Programme</i>	<i>Activator/Coach</i>	<i>Participants</i>
National programmes (All Stars and Dynamos)	1 Activator	24
Softball practice	1 Coach	24
Hardball practice (not in nets)	1 Coach	16
Net practice	1 Coach	8

**Do we need to use every other net for outdoor practice?**

No, in most cases every net can be used subject to maintenance and regular Health and Safety checks. However, activity providers in cricket nets should assess how social distancing can be maintained in the net facility and limit the number of participants accordingly.

**Are there any other considerations for disability cricket?**

People with disabilities can participate in organised outdoor and indoor sport without being subject to social contact limits. Non-disabled people are not permitted to participate, except where necessary to enable the sport to take place (such as a carer or coach helping the disabled person to participate).

**Do we need 'batting lines' for the batters during match play?**

Marked batting lines are not required in 2021. Batters should remain socially distanced from other players and the umpire at all times and run on opposite sides of the pitch.