

# COVID-19 PLAN FOR JUNIOR & OPEN-AGE CRICKET

APPLICABLE TO PLAYERS, VOLUNTEERS, SPECTATORS, PARENTS, CLUBS, COACHES & OFFICIALS IN ENGLAND



This document provides measures that should be taken by players, clubs, and officials before, during and after all cricket activity. The document should be read in conjunction with latest UK Government guidance and if required, the full ECB Return to Cricket Plan for Step 4.

For all activity, UK Government social distancing guidance should be adhered to at all times. This document refers to current **plan for England** and could change in response to the current COVID-19 Alert Level or other UK Government advice.



## BEFORE ACTIVITY

- Check for symptoms of COVID-19. If you are symptomatic and/or living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection you should remain at home and follow UK Government guidance.
- Follow UK Government guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 if it applies to you.
- Personal hygiene measures should be carried out at home before and after cricket activity.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser where possible and practice strong hand hygiene at all times.
- Follow UK Government guidance on public transport or car sharing.
- Use of the clubhouse, changing rooms and toilets should adhere to the latest UK Government advice.
- For advice on reducing the risk of infection when outside your home please visit the 'Staying Safe Outside Your Home' pages on gov.uk.
- Club representatives should ensure that the facility is compliant with current UK Government legislation including legislation and guidance related to COVID-19. A risk assessment should have been completed and risk mitigation measures put in place and monitored.
- During all cricket, an attendance register is required with which includes contact details for contact tracing if required.
- Any participants who have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace must not exercise outside of their own home or garden and must not exercise with others.
- Clubs should strictly limit the time spent congregating at a venue before activity begins. Meet-up times should reflect this. Participants should arrive changed and ready to begin if possible.



## DURING ACTIVITY

- Groups limited to a maximum of 30 participants, including coaches and/or officials. Junior training should be split into groups of up to 15 children.
  - Participants enter the site and prepare whilst maintaining social distancing.
  - Limit the sharing of equipment, but if you do share, practise strict hand hygiene.
  - No sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time.
  - Hand sanitizer to be used at all breaks in activity and prior to any food or drinks.
  - Cricket activity must take place outdoors only.
- Additional advice for match-play:**
- Players to remain socially distanced at all times (wicket keepers & slip fielders at 1m+).
  - Umpires are not to handle the ball at any point of the game, leaving it at the stumps during breaks.
  - Batters to clean their bat when leaving the field of play.
  - A 'hygiene break' should take place every six overs or every 20 minutes and should include hand sanitisation and the cleaning of the ball.
  - Bowlers should not hand anything to the umpire.
  - Only one official allowed inside the scorers' box.
  - Social distancing must always be maintained including during celebrations and breaks.
  - The ball must be immediately returned to the bowler, not passed between players.
  - Batters are to run in distinct running lines to ensure they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter. Lanes to be marked on the square.
  - In line with current UK Government guidance, clubs should not prepare food for participants. Individuals should bring their own food and drink for



## AFTER ACTIVITY

- Participants should exit whilst maintaining social distancing.
- Social gathering after the activity is allowed in line with current UK Government guidelines on hospitality.
- One club representative/volunteer should be responsible for collecting and disinfecting shared equipment.
- Regular cleaning of equipment and the facility should take place, particularly between one group finishing, and the next group starting.
- Clubs should encourage all participants to report any infection of their household to the NHS Test and Trace system following use of the facility to limit the spread of the virus.