



## **BAPCHILD CC**

### **Guidance for Parents/Guardians/Junior Players with regards to COVID-19**

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# Parents / Guardians / Junior Players

Parents/Guardian are asked to ensure their child understands the relevant points within this guideline and the General Participant Guidelines

Under current guidelines NO SPECTATORS are allowed at the ground unless exempt

What is an exempt Spectator ? - Participating players under the age of 16 (or 18 if the parent so chooses) will need to be supervised by one adult from their Household/bubble for the duration of the activity (including before and after the game while at the ground). The Adult will be exempt as a spectator and allowed to stay.

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## Prior to the Game

1. Players should prepare their personal equipment whilst maintaining social distancing.
2. Players should arrive fully changed
3. A screened area will be available outside the club for putting on Cricket protective equipment

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## During the Game

1. All Players should maintain social distancing at all times (including warm ups) currently 2m
2. Exception to social distancing when on the field (where it is reduced to 1m) is ONLY for
  - a) Wicket keepers standing up to the Stumps
  - b) Slip fielders
3. Social distancing must always be maintained including during post-wicket celebrations, drinks breaks and tactical discussions.
4. Where possible players should limit sharing of equipment. If they do, they must practise strict hand hygiene before and after use and the equipment must be cleaned before use by another person.
5. All participants should sanitise their hands prior to the start of the activity
6. NO sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time
7. If a player applies sweat or saliva to the ball, either deliberately or out of habit, the umpire should stop the game and ask the delegated person to sanitise the ball.
8. The ball will be returned direct to the bowler either on the full or rolled along the ground by the wicket keeper or fielder who has fielded the ball. It should not be passed around the field.
9. Players should refrain from spitting or rinsing out their mouths.
10. Bowlers/players should not hand any personal items to the umpire. Bowlers/players should place these items at the boundary themselves (ensuring they are 1m behind the boundary's edge).
11. Only the Umpires may touch the stumps or bails to rebuild the wicket - The umpire should not touch the ball at any time
12. Once a wicket has fallen the ball should be returned to the bowlers' end by the stumps (not given to the umpire under any circumstances).
13. Batters are to run in away to ensure they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter.
14. Hand sanitiser should be used at all breaks in activity and prior to consuming any food or drinks.
15. A 'hygiene break' will take place every six overs or every 20 minutes, whichever is sooner; the umpire should call "time" to facilitate this by waiting until the end of the over or a fall of a wicket. During the break
  - All participants' hands are to be cleaned using a suitable sanitiser
  - The delegated person (player, coach, umpire, other individual as agreed) is responsible to sanitise the ball before play recommences with an anti-microbial wipe. The umpires should ensure that this happens.

This routine should also be followed at the start of any drinks break or the close of an innings.

16. Umpires should refrain from any contact with the ball, it can be returned to the base of the stumps at breaks and wickets
17. The club will provide sanitised spare balls and they will be left off the field until needed. The chosen spare ball should be cleaned by the delegated person before use.
18. Batters to sanitise their bat when leaving the field of play and Wicket Keepers should sanitise their gloves.
19. No player should approach the scorers and should always remain socially distanced (2m)
20. Home team and Away team players should sit in their designated areas (or can join their household/ bubble) while remaining socially distanced
21. Individuals should bring their own food and drink for 'teas'
22. In the event of rain, participants should return to their own vehicle to maintain social distancing if there is insufficient outdoor cover Do NOT enter the Pavilion
23. Nets are CLOSED
24. Changing rooms are not to be used (except potentially for authorised self-isolation or injury)

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## After the Game

1. Social gathering after the activity will be allowed in line with current UK Government guidelines on hospitality and social distancing must be maintained.
2. Participants should exit the ground whilst maintaining social distancing
3. The Club encourages all participants to report any infection of their household to the NHS Test and Trace system following the activity to limit the spread of the virus (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>)

They should also inform the club at the earliest opportunity (for up to 21 days after the activity).