



BAPCHILD CC

Guidance for Players (Senior Cricket) with regards to COVID-19

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Prior to Start of Play

1. Players should read and abide by the General Participant Guidelines as published in the website
2. Players should enter the ground and prepare their personal equipment whilst maintaining social distancing.
3. Players should arrive fully changed
4. A screened area will be available outside the club for putting on Cricket protective equipment

During the Game

1. All Players should maintain social distancing at all times (including warm ups) in line with current UK Government Guidance (Currently 2m / two households or 6 people from different households)
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 fielding captain to sanitise the ball and play recommences with the existing ball - Continuous or deliberate offence will incur a level 3 offence under Law 41 Unfair Play
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/participants should not hand any personal items to the umpire or persons outside of their household/bubble. Bowlers/participants 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 ensuring they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter. It is the responsibility the batter to avoid the fielder from a social distancing point of view. However, the fielder must not impede the batter when running unless moving to field the ball or back-up a throw
14. If a player fails to run outside of 2m either deliberately or out of habit, the umpire should warn the batter of social distancing rules. Continuous or deliberate offence will incur a level 3 offence under Law 41 Unfair Play
15. Hand sanitiser should be used at all breaks in activity and prior to consuming any food or drinks.
16. A 'hygiene break' will take place every six overs or every 20 minutes, whichever is sooner; the umpires 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 fielding Captain is responsible to sanitise the ball before play recommences with an anti-microbial wipe. The umpires should ensure that this happens. (for Colt cricket the sanitisation of the ball could be delegated to an individual who is not a player)

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

17. Umpires should refrain from any contact with the ball, it can be returned to the base of the stumps at breaks and wickets
18. The Club will provide sanitised spare balls and will be left off the field in the equipment area until needed. The chosen spare ball should be cleaned by the fielding Captain before use.
19. Batters to sanitise their bat when leaving the field of play and Wicket Keepers should sanitise their gloves.
20. If two scorers are required, social distancing must be maintained
21. No participant should approach the scorers and should always remain socially distanced (2m)
22. Communal scorebooks passed from one player to another should be avoided
23. Scorers will not hold any item of players clothing, sunglasses or any valuables.
24. Spectators should remain socially distanced at all times and refrain from all contact with the ball e.g. returning it to the field of play.
25. Individuals should bring their own food and drink for 'teas' and drinks breaks
26. In the event of rain, participants should return to their own vehicle to maintain social distancing if there is insufficient outdoor cover from the rain to maintain social distancing - Do NOT enter the Pavilion.
27. During rain breaks the fielding team Captain is responsible for the ball in use.
28. Application of covers in the event of wet weather should be done whilst maintaining social distancing.
29. Sight screens can be used but must be put up and taken down within the social distancing guidelines
30. Cricket activity must take place outdoors only.
31. Cricket activity groups are limited to a maximum of 30 participants, including coaches and officials.
32. Home and Away players should sit in their designated area (or can join their household/bubble) while socially distanced
33. Officials should adhere to the detailed guidance relating by the Association of Cricket Officials (ACO), including appropriate sanctions for participants not adhering to COVID-19 guidance, including but not limited to, player ejection and match cancellation (see below).
34. Changing rooms are not to be used (except for disabled persons or for authorised self-isolation or injury)
35. A small portable scoreboard will be used instead of a full scoreboard with less frequent updating (at least 3 overs between updates)
36. Only the Club Representative(s) is responsible for setting up the stumps, flags etc which should be sanitised before the start and end of the match; the umpire is responsible for the provision of the bails where possible other wise the Club Representative will provide sanitised bails.

After the Game

1. All participants should sanitise their hands after the completion of activity.
2. Participants should exit whilst maintaining social distancing
3. The stumps, bails (if they are the Clubs), flags etc are to be collected in ONLY by the Club Representative(s)
4. Social gathering after the activity will be allowed in line with current UK Government guidelines on hospitality and social distancing must be maintained.
5. 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 upto 21 days after the activity).
6. Inform Bapchild CC (or you Club Representative if part of the opposition team) if you become symptomatic during the game or test positive within 21 days of the activity