



Bath Cricket Club Return to Cricket Document

This plan provides measures that will be taken by players, clubs, officials, volunteers, coaches, and spectators before, during and after all outdoor cricket activity at Bath Cricket Club. There is also specific advice relating to clubs, coaches, match-play, and children's activity. This document should be read in conjunction with the latest UK Government guidance and the ECB's guidance on Getting your Clubhouse and Ground Ready for Step 4.

For all activity, the relevant UK Government social distancing guidance will be adhered to at all times (including throughout warm-ups) except in the following limited circumstances during competitive play in England only where social distancing of 1m+ is permitted: 1) wicket keepers standing up to the stumps and 2) distance between slip fielders.

This document refers to current UK Government guidance for England only and is subject to change in response to the current COVID-19 Alert Level, community prevalence of COVID-19 and/or to reflect additional or updated UK Government guidance. Players living in Wales intending to play in England should familiarise themselves with this guidance.

Prior to all cricket activity at Bath CC

- All participants (players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators) should check for symptoms of COVID-19. In line with current UK Government Guidance, if an individual is symptomatic and/or living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection they should remain at home and follow UK Government guidance.
In addition, any participants who have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace because they are a contact of a known COVID-19 case, must not exercise outside their home or garden and must not exercise with others
- Participants should follow UK Government guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 (found here) if it applies to them
- Participants should comply with all public health restrictions and avoid high risk behaviour outside the sports setting to reduce the risk to their fellow participants when they do attend a cricket club or venue
- Personal hygiene measures should be carried out at home before and after cricket activity
- Participants should bring their own hand sanitiser where possible and maintain strict and frequent hand hygiene measures at all times
- Participants should follow UK Government guidance on best practice for travel, including minimising the use of public transport and limiting car sharing



Bath Cricket Club the facility

Use of the clubhouse, changing rooms and toilets should adhere to the latest UK Government guidance. We have therefore put in place the following guidelines with signage displayed at the clubhouse where appropriate:

- Club representatives have ensured that the facility is compliant with current UK Government legislation including legislation and guidance related to COVID-19
- A risk assessment has been completed and risk mitigation measures put in place and monitored in accordance with the ECB's guidance on Getting your Clubhouse and Ground Ready for Step 4
- Club representatives have communicated to make all participants aware of expected social distancing and hygiene measures during play and whilst on site
- As a club we have limited the time participants spend congregating at our venue before activity begins this applies to both training and matchdays
- Participants have been instructed to arrive changed and ready to begin the warm-up in training kit, if possible
- Changing rooms will be kept closed. An outdoor marque will be available for players to store kit whilst maintaining social distancing

During all cricket activity at Bath CC (both training and match play)

- Cricket activity will take place outdoors only
- Bath CC will provide opportunities to play 11-a-side cricket while ensuring groups are limited to a maximum of 30 participants, including coaches and officials
- Participants will enter the ground and prepare their personal equipment whilst maintaining social distancing
- Where possible players will limit sharing of equipment. If they do, they will practise strict hand hygiene before and after use and the equipment will be cleaned before use by another person
- No sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time
- Players have been instructed to bring their own hand sanitiser
- All participants will sanitise their hands prior to the start of the activity
- Hand sanitiser will be used at all breaks in activity and prior to consuming any food or drinks
- Players have been instructed to bring their own water bottles

Matchplay specific information:

- Players will adhere to UK Government social distancing guidance at all times (including throughout warm-ups) except in the following limited circumstances during competitive play in England only, where 1m+ is permitted: 1) wicket keepers standing up to the stumps and 2) distance between slip fielders
- No sweat or saliva to be applied to the ball at any time
- A 'hygiene break' will take place every six overs or every 20 minutes, whichever is sooner, in which the ball will be cleaned by the fielding captain with an anti-bacterial wipe (conforming to BS EN 14476) and all participants' hands are cleaned using a suitable sanitiser
- This routine will also be followed at the start of any drinks break or the close of an innings. The responsibility for sanitising the ball during the match will lie with the fielding captain, not the umpire
- Batters will sanitise their bat when leaving the field of play and Wicket Keepers will sanitise their gloves
- Bowlers will not hand any personal items to the umpire
- Batters are to run in distinct running lines to ensure they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter. Lines will be marked by the groundsman on the square on either side of the wicket
- If two scorers are required, social distancing will be maintained with only one official inside the scorers' box and no players in the scorers' box. If in use the scorers box will be well ventilated through open windows
- Communal scorebooks passed from one player to another will be avoided
- Players have been instructed that social distancing must always be maintained including during post-wicket celebrations, drinks breaks and tactical discussions
- Players will minimise sharing of the ball by passing it straight from the keeper to the bowler where possible
- Spectators will be advised to remain socially distanced at all times and refrain from all contact with the ball e.g. returning it to the field of play. Spectator groups will be instructed to be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider UK Government guidance.
- Club umpires will be instructed to refrain from any contact with the ball, and therefore will be returned to the base of the stumps at breaks and wickets.
- With any disturbance of the stumps the umpires will be responsible for the stumps closest to them and should be the only person replacing the bails if dislodged.

The club has outlined socially distanced areas for teams, officials, and spectators. Changing rooms specifically:

- There is no access to indoor changing room facilities. An outdoor marque will be available for players to store kit whilst maintaining social distancing
- Social distancing will take place at all times
- One person using the toilets at a time – one in one out protocol
- The shower facilities are out of use
- In the event of rain, participants have been instructed to return to their own vehicle to maintain social distancing if there is insufficient outdoor cover from the rain to maintain social distancing
- Application of covers in the event of wet weather will be done whilst maintaining social distancing

Training Specific information:

- Where participants cannot provide their own individual equipment, the club will be numbering cricket equipment such as balls, so that each participant has a specific numbered ball and/or cone and uses that for the entirety of the session to minimise sharing of equipment where possible
- If bowling machines are used, they will be cleaned thoroughly between uses with dry cleaning products and all balls will be cleaned with disinfectant. This will be the responsibility of the bowling machine operator
- When netting players will remain with their group of 6 for the duration of their training
- Players will refrain from spitting or rinsing out their mouths
- In line with current UK Government guidance, the club will not prepare food for participants
- Individuals have been instructed to bring their own food and drink for 'teas' or training. Water bottles or other refreshment containers will not be shared

After all cricket activity at Bath CC (both training and match play)

- All participants will sanitise their hands after the completion of activity
- Participants will exit whilst maintaining social distancing
- Social gathering at our clubhouse after the activity will be allowed in line with current UK Government guidelines on hospitality and social distancing must be maintained
- One club representative/volunteer will be responsible for collecting and disinfecting any shared equipment
- Regular cleaning of equipment and the facility should take place, particularly between one group finishing, and the next group starting. Players have been instructed to use their own ball and their own equipment to reduce participants touching the same equipment
- As a club we are encouraging 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 (section 3): <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-andtrace-how-it-works>

Bath Cricket Club - The Venue

Prior to reaching Step 4 of the ECB Roadmap and subsequently re-opening, Bath Cricket Club representatives have ensured that the facility is compliant with current UK Government legislation, including legislation and guidance related to COVID-19, and in accordance to the ECB's guidance on Getting your Clubhouse and Ground Ready for Step 4.

A risk assessment has been completed and the below risk mitigation measures have been put in place and will continue to be monitored.

On any day of the activity, club representatives and volunteers will ensure that all COVID-19 measures are in place according to the club operating and safety plans, whilst maintaining social distancing.

This includes:

- Set-up of public health operating procedures and access signage
- Set-up of cricket facility including all ground safety requirements
- IN BAR – one person at the bar at any one time. Queue is clearly labelled by two meter signage on the floor, largely outside the clubhouse
- IN TOILETS – one in one out protocol

- First Aid will continue to be provided. First Aid equipment (including AEDs where available) and suitable PPE for First Aid are available
- Hand washing facilities are available in the toilets and hand sanitiser available at various locations for all site users, in particular on entry and exit points
- The club has put in place a one-way entrance and exit system for those using the clubhouse
- The clubs parking arrangement at the far side of the ground ensures social distancing can be maintained
- The club has ensured that our accessible provision within the site and the facility is available
- The club groundskeepers will mark running lines on the square in line with the popping crease at 2m intervals on either side of the wicket
- The club will should support NHS Test and Trace efforts by keeping a temporary record of all participants in any cricket activity for 21 days and support NHS requests for data if needed

Bath Cricket Club's children's activities

The following measures will apply for any children's cricket activity at the club:

- Maximum groups sizes of 30 will include one qualified coach or All Stars Cricket Activator per group plus additional adult(s) required to meet cricket safeguarding ratios (1:8 aged 8 and under, 1:10 aged 9 and over). All groups running will be self-sufficient e.g. a coach cannot oversee two separate groups
- Parents will be instructed to drop off and collect participants via a protocol that maintains social distancing
- Parents will be instructed to remain socially distanced on the side-line
- For younger age groups, plastic equipment will be used and disinfected at the end of each session
- It is likely that participants will take part in solo activity, before moving to pairs activity that maintains social distancing and allows participants to operate in the same pair for the length of the session. Additional advice for training & other activity

Additional information for coaches

- These measures cannot cover every eventuality and coaches will conduct a risk assessment, ensuring appropriate measures are put in place to keep participants and coaches safe. Playing and coaching cricket in itself carries some degree of risk and whilst being mindful of the guidelines regarding COVID-19, coaches should not lose sight of the normal safety rules or safeguarding standards relating to playing and coaching cricket which continue to apply and must be complied with (DBS, safeguarding, First Aid etc).
- Coaches will make themselves aware of and abide by, all guidelines set out by the UK Government, the venue and ECB regarding use of facilities
- It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that they coach players in a safe environment and follow relevant guidelines
- Coaches will explain the safety guidelines of what is expected pre, during and post session including what the player is expected to do to maintain compliance with social distancing guidelines and all other health and safety guidelines