

Northants Recreational Cricket

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

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Even though times are uncertain now, the ECB and Northants Recreational Cricket have recognised some challenges Clubs may be facing, due to the important restriction implemented by the government. Cricket Clubs are at the heart of the cricketing community and we recognise how important they are to the development of the game we love. Both the ECB and NRC will be working hard to support clubs through this pandemic.

We will continue to react to ECB and Government guidance as it evolves and will provide updates as and when this may have a direct impact on recreational cricket.

Ultimately as things stand, we all have a responsibility to follow government guidance, which is:

You should only leave the house for very limited purposes:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.
- any medical need, including to donate blood, avoid or escape risk of injury or harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.
- travelling for work purposes, but only where you cannot work from home.

These reasons are exceptions - even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household.

Cricket Club Finance

We would encourage clubs to take steps to reduce any costs wherever possible and to identify the potential losses that may be incurred should the season be significantly reduced or unable to start at all. Speak to all relevant suppliers and stakeholders to try and reduce or delay expenditure and wherever possible put a hold on projects (e.g. capital expenditure). We know many clubs will struggle to get through a prolonged break in the game, but those clubs that can tighten their belts in order to survive should begin doing so immediately.

This is a really good time for you as a club to assess your financial position, clearly work out the potential impact that limited, or no cricket could have on your club. As things move forward, our Clubs and Community Managers will look to discuss your situation with you.

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Ground staff

We have previously communicated the ECB guidelines on Ground maintenance during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. To revisit this information please [CLICK HERE](#)

Live updates for the Coronavirus (Covid-19) can be found using the following link:

<https://www.iog.org/covid-19-0>

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Club Insurance Policies

We strongly recommend that clubs look into their insurance policies, to see whether it covers loss of earnings or business interruptions. It might also be worth speaking to your insurers to see whether you can pay your annual premiums in smaller amounts.

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Please note there will be no affiliation fee in 2020 for the support you receive from Northants Recreational Cricket through the Cricket Development Manager and Clubs and Community Managers.

Government Support

The Government has put together a number of measures to help sustain all small businesses during this uncertain time. Specific measures that could apply to a cricket club include: Business Rates Holidays, VAT payment deferral, the HMRC time to pay scheme, Business Interruption Loans, Statutory Sick Pay Relief and the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Job Retention scheme.

For more information on any of these Government measures, please use the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

Sport England Support

Sport England, is making up to £195 million of funding available to help the sport and physical activity sector through the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis.

The package includes a £20 million Community Emergency Fund, which is now open for clubs and community organisations to bid into.

For more information on the Sport England funding available please [CLICK HERE](#)

Training resources for players

During this time of Social Distancing we understand it can be hard to stay motivated and active, with this in mind we are providing you with a couple of links to programmes that include plenty of activities that can get kids, young people and adults involved in Cricket.

- <https://icoachcricket.ecb.co.uk/> An online resource that anyone can access, All Stars content, warm ups, skill based activities as well as a lot more. Opportunity for coaches to plan sessions using this programme so could be an ideal thing to do at this time.
- <https://www.chancetoshine.org/teaching-resources> An online resource that anyone can access, PE lessons as well as Learn content for Maths, English and Cross Curriculum lessons.

Feel free to share these with parents and coaches; why not challenge them to some of these activities and get them to share it on social media.



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Welfare Officers and Training

ECB: The safety of our clubs and centres remains a priority. Whilst we have suspended all Safe Hands courses, we will be introducing an interim training package to everyone that needs it. Full details will be shared through County Welfare Officers.

We have had to make changes to the standard practice of Disclosure and Barring Service Checks but will be following the Government guidance on temporary changes which include:

- DBS Certificates will now be able to be emailed to safe.guarding@ecb.co.uk instead of posting.
- Overseas Certificate of Good Conduct will now be able to be emailed to dbs@ecb.co.uk instead of posting.
- Access has been temporarily changed for ID verification to the top levels of access: those that need their ID verified will be informed who they need to contact.
- ID Verifications will now be supported via video conferencing instead of Face to Face meetings

Hardship/ Emergency Funding

On the 31st March the ECB announced that they had earmarked over £20m for the recreational game, which will be distributed through a cricket club support loan scheme and grants through the “Return to Cricket” scheme. We are expecting full details on this over the next few days which we will communicate directly with clubs. For more information on the ECB announcement on the 31st March please [CLICK HERE](#)

The ECB have announced that all Clubs can now sign up to Spacehive, which is a Crowd Funding Scheme which could be a great way for your club to get some income. We will circulate more information about this once we have received from the ECB.

ECB Interest Free Loans

ECB: The Trustees of the England and Wales Cricket Trust (ECB’s subsidiary charity) have agreed that loan repayments will be suspended until May 2021. All other terms and conditions remain in place. If you have any questions, please contact loans@ecb.co.uk

Recreational Cricket

The suspension is on **all** recreational cricket and this should include 1-2-1 training, small group training, the use of outdoor nets, club training sessions and also All Stars and Dynamos Cricket. We refer to our need as a game to support the social distancing measures the government has put in place along with stopping non-essential travel. FYI- The ECB will be distributing All Stars and Dynamos Cricket sets to those individuals that have already signed up to the programmes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. We will be issuing further information in due course. In the meantime, we recommend that all club volunteers follow Government advice to stay safe and stay well.



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