

Northants Recreational Cricket

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

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We hope everyone within the cricket community of Northamptonshire is staying fit and well through these strange and uncertain times. As you are aware, **all** recreational cricket is suspended until further notice. As soon as we receive ECB updates regarding the suspension, we will update you accordingly.

Cricket Club Support

Over the past two weeks, all cricket clubs in the county have had the opportunity to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on their club's activities. If your club has not had this opportunity and would like to discuss it's current situation, please make contact with your Clubs and Community Manager (CCM).

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Financial Support Packages

Clubs looking for support should investigate schemes in the following order:

1. Government

The Government has put together a number of measures to help sustain all small businesses during this uncertain time. Key Supports that could apply to your cricket club include:

- ✓ Business Rates Holidays,
- ✓ Retail,
- ✓ Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund,
- ✓ Business Interruption Loans
- ✓ Job Retention scheme.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support>

Your Local Authority is administering the Rates Holidays Scheme and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund. Please note each authority has a different process for these Schemes and whilst some are allocating funds automatically others require an application from yourselves. You can check your local authority process by going to their website. If you are struggling to find this information talk to your CCM.

2. Sport England

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.



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This scheme covers specific expenditure for the period 1/3/20 to 31/7/20 including:

- ✓ Rent/Utility Costs
- ✓ Insurances
- ✓ Facility or Equipment Hire
- ✓ Core Staffing costs not covered by government funds
- ✓ Retrospective losses from 1/3/20

Clubs have one opportunity to apply and our recommendation to clubs applying would be to complete the dummy application form first before full submission.

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

3. ECB Emergency Loan Scheme

The ECB Emergency Loan Scheme aims to support affiliated Cricket Clubs by providing interest free loans to assist clubs to cover any shortfall in essential day to day running and maintenance costs until normal recreational cricket activity can be resumed.

To find out more information about this scheme please [CLICK HERE](#)

Social Media

We are using our social media streams, to keep clubs and players up to date with developments, provide them with opportunities to take part in competitions and challenges as well as doing question and answer sessions with some key individuals. The things we are currently doing are:

Virtual League

An opportunity for Cricket Clubs in Northamptonshire to take part in a virtual league; sign up via Twitter by replying to the tweets about the virtual league with your Twitter handle. A draw will be done on the w/c 27th April to see who will be "Playing" who in the first round of the competition. The clubs then have 24hours to get as many likes as possible on the poll, the winning club will progress to the next round. The purpose behind this league:

- Allow clubs to maintain current relationships with members and wider community
- Allow clubs to extend their reach further by publicising themselves and their activities

Q&A

You may have seen that we were asking for questions for a Q&A session with Northamptonshire County Cricket Clubs Head Coach David Ripley. Rips will be answering some of these questions on our social media this week. We have Q&As coming up with Steelbacks Rob Keogh and Umpire Rob Bailey, so if you have any questions then please comment on our posts on social media.

Please feel free to share and retweet all of our posts- we are all in this together.

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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