

Dear Clubs & Leagues of Somerset,

Today's update has details on the *Recreational Game update on use of nets & outdoor facilities* and *The next GMA Live Webinar*

Recreational Game update on use of nets & outdoor facilities

The purpose of these guidelines is to offer practical guidance to players and clubs on the steps they should take whilst undertaking recreational cricket activity and informal cricket activity in an outdoor environment given the current restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The key update in the guidance is the allowance of small group sizes (now up to six individuals), however a number of other subtle but important changes are listed throughout the document.

These guidelines currently apply to England only. Guidance specifically relating to Wales can be found [here](#).

The below provides a summary of the latest guidance. Detailed guidance in relation to outdoor cricket activity can be found [here](#).

Consistent with [UK Government guidance](#), published on 1 June 2020 relating to the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England, the following applies to outdoor cricket:

- **For all activity, social distancing of at least two metres must be maintained at all times (except between members of the same household).**
- Playing cricket individually is permitted e.g. practice of individual cricket skills or fitness activities
- Playing cricket with people living in your household is permitted.
- Small group cricket activity, training or fitness in groups of no more than six (6), is permitted, keeping two (2) metres apart at all times.
- Cricket coaches, can now undertake small group sessions of up to six (6) people including the coach (1:5) and they must comply with ECB safeguarding policies (as well as being able to conduct one-to-one coaching).
- Nets should be used on an 'every other' basis, leaving one net free between nets. Note that for nets within a security fence, occupancy numbers could be limited by social distancing requirements.
- It is permissible for two or more groups of six (6) to train at the same time provided they are kept separate, and social distancing and strict hygiene measures are observed. However, clubs should carry out a risk assessment to determine the maximum capacity for their facility that can be achieved safely whilst maintaining social distancing and not exceeding the current limits on training group size.
- Clubhouses can be reopened in a limited way for operational reasons (e.g. for access to first aid equipment) or for toilet access (see below) but all

communal areas including bar, changing rooms etc. are to remain closed for general use.

- Toilet facilities can be opened if the venue wishes, but particular care should be taken by those using them and those cleaning them. Where they are open, venues must ensure soap and water is provided and they are cleaned regularly.
- No indoor cricket activity at all.
- We recommend using your own equipment if possible. If equipment is being shared, please follow UK Government's guidance on the [sharing of equipment](#). Players should stick to using one ball in training either by bringing their own or being assigned a numbered ball that is cleaned in between sessions.
- No saliva or sweat should be applied to the ball at any time.
- Wash hands at home before and after using the outdoor facilities. Bring your own hand sanitiser where possible.

Please read the advice document carefully before opening your club facilities should you wish to or making changes to your current opening operations, and we urge players and parents to be patience with clubs whilst they work out if they can open facilities or make changes.

View the guidance document [here](#)

View the infographic [here](#)

No club should reopen their outdoor facilities if they feel unable to meet the requirements.

GMA Live: Back to play - mental health strategies

16th June at 7pm- Adapting to the 'new-normal' can present challenges for grounds staff, volunteers, and businesses - so we've gathered a panel for our latest webinar, led by Mark Clemmit, to discuss and explore mental health strategies for the grounds sector.

Register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1330272037999578895>

Finally, please see the link to this week's ECB Clubs & Leagues Update- <https://ecb-comms.co.uk/t/1FT6-6WBAI-2E2203387/cr.aspx> which has details on as *Google Digital Garage*, *#Raisethebat - Celebrating our Cricket Heroes*, *COVID-19 Support from NatWest & Maintaining well-being in the officiating community* and find attached the updated Covid-19 Club Support Document which has all the updates highlighted in Yellow as normal.

Kind Regards



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