

England and Wales Cricket Board saddened at the death of H.R.H. Prince Philip



The England and Wales Cricket Board is deeply saddened at the death of H.R.H. Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

A lifelong cricket fan and talented allrounder in his playing days, the Duke served two terms as MCC President from 1949-50 and 1974-75 and becoming an honorary life member.

The Duke became Patron and Twelfth Man of the Lord's Taverners in 1950, the same year the charity was founded. He also served as the President of the charity for two years between 1960-61.

He was instrumental in introducing the Lord's Taverners ECB Trophy which is presented annually to the county champions. The trophy was introduced in 1973 with the Duke recognising that until that time, the champions had never received a physical trophy.

He continued the presentations of the Lord's Taverners ECB Trophy and the Lady Taverners ECB Trophy along with medals to both men's and women's county champions at Buckingham Palace for 43 years until his retirement from royal duties in 2017.

lan Watmore, ECB Chair said, "I'm sure I speak for the entire cricket family when I say how sad I am to hear of the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh. His passion for the game we all love was well known and the trophies presented to the men's and women's county champions are a tribute to his dedication to our sport. We owe him a great debt for his support and passion over many decades."





We have updated our COVID-19 pages with improved links from the <u>website</u> and updated FAQ's – mainly on travel, parents and spectators.

What has changed under Step 2 (12th April)?

- The activities permissible through organised outdoor cricket activity remain the same and therefore existing guidance should be followed.
- The main changes for cricket relate to outdoor hospitality which is now permissible subject to following government guidance. The full guidance can be found here.

Whilst spectators are still not permissible, we have updated our FAQ's to explain what the exemptions are for parents, guests/patrons using your venue for hospitality purposes and what this means if your ground is located within a public open space. Please ensure you read the FAQ's and full guidance carefully and communicate appropriately to your members. Whilst Government permissions change from 12th April you will still need to complete an updated Risk Assessment and should only move to the next stage if and when you are ready to do so.

In Wales

Subject to continued favourable public health conditions in Wales, we anticipate that organised outdoor group activity for up to 30 adults will be permitted to restart from the 26th April. This is due to be formally confirmed at the review on 22nd April. We will continue to work closely with key partners and will update our cricket related guidance shortly.



This weekend marks the start of our NatWest CricketForce virtual Get Set Weekend with over 1000 clubs registered.

So good luck to everyone taking part and gather your club together, expect England stars, the Big Quiz, Back Garden Training and the special Get Set Panel!

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