



# Messaging Update

## Clubs and Leagues

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This week's bulletin contains information on ECB Updated guidance, Guidance for Umpires and Scorers, the funeral for H.R.H Prince Philip and Ramadan.

### *Organised Outdoor Cricket Update for England and Wales*



#### **In Wales:**

Subject to continued favourable public health conditions in Wales, we anticipate that organised outdoor group activity for adults will be permitted to restart from the 26<sup>th</sup> April. We will continue to work closely with key partners and will update our cricket related guidance shortly.

#### **In England:**

With the recent changes in Government guidance (Step 2 in England), we want to try and share the latest information with you to help you bring your club back to life as we start the season. We know that many of you have been working hard to get your club ready, interpreting what is permissible and also communicating what is different to your players, members and volunteers.

We want to make this as easy as possible for you and have therefore provided the latest up to date guidance and accompanying infographics, which we hope will help provide more clarity to you and your members. Please continue to visit [www.ecb.co.uk/covid19](http://www.ecb.co.uk/covid19) where there will be regular updates available for you.

There are some great examples of what is being achieved out there, so please continue to forward these through to your County Cricket Board, so we can showcase common solutions across the whole game, as we all get ready for the start of the season.

**By way of a reminder:**

- You should only move to the next step when you are ready to do so. Take your time and make sure you don't over stretch yourselves.
- Use the checklist on our website to make sure you understand what you need to do
- Before you commit to any activity, ensure you've undertaken a risk assessment and you are comfortable
- Use the signs and resources on the ECB Resource Hub to make sure your members know what is expected, before they arrive on site and whilst they are present

**What's new in England from 12<sup>th</sup> April:**

- Remember on field activity remains the same as from the 29<sup>th</sup> March (Step 1B), so there are no changes from previous guidance
- The guidance for off field activity has changed, but again, that doesn't mean you have to, only change if and when you are comfortable in doing so

**Who is permitted to attend organised outdoor cricket activity in England?**

- a parent, suitable adult or carer attending in a supervisory role for an U18 player or a player with a disability (maximum 1 adult per U18 player)
- those attending for hospitality where available, subject to following the club's and the government's guidance
- a club official/volunteer who is organising on and/or off-field activities

Government guidance clearly states **no other spectators should be present.** (i.e. if you don't meet one of the above 3, you should not be there).

It is also important to remember to **follow all Government guidance for off the field activity, including travel and social distancing at all times.**

Thank you for the great work you are doing locally, please continue to visit our [www.ecb.co.uk/covid19](http://www.ecb.co.uk/covid19) for FAQs and latest guidance. Where needed please liaise with your local County Cricket Board for any further information.

***H.R.H. Prince Philip Funeral***



You will be aware that the funeral of HRH Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April. As a game it is important we continue to show our respect accordingly.

In line with wider protocol and government guidance we are recommending that clubs pause play between 3-4pm on 17 April, to coincide with the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

In those instances where an extended tea interval or prolonged break in play may cause practical issues, especially in relation to the Government's Covid-19 guidelines, we would encourage clubs and leagues to adapt accordingly and proceed with fixture plans and timings as needed.

We would ask however, that all clubs and teams join the rest of the nation in observing a one-minute silence at 3pm.

## **Ramadan**

This week marked the start of Ramadan for Muslims up and down the country and will last through April to the start of May. Fasting involves abstaining from food and drink sunrise until sunset which is around 16 hours and as such it can place quite a strain on players and coaches, and volunteers at clubs.

- Although fasting will not necessarily effect you personally it is good to bear in mind that Muslims may be feeling more tired than usual especially as they work on balancing their energy throughout the day.
- During training or practice sessions players may fatigue more easily so longer rest breaks may be beneficial but if you are unsure there is no harm in asking the question

- Eating or drinking while those around you may be fasting is not something to be mindful of as it is completely normal and understandable

If you are unsure what players may want/how they feel, don't be afraid to broach the topic and ask the question.

For more specific information, guidance and advice please click [here](#).

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