

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FAQs FOR WALES

Why are there different documents for England and Wales being published at different times?

As Wales has a devolved Government, they have the responsibility to make decisions on the easing of lockdown restrictions in Wales. The next Welsh Government announcement is expected on Friday 14th and we will update the relevant guidance accordingly.

COVID –19 GUIDANCE FAQs FOR ENGLAND

What are the main changes from Step 2 (12th April) , to Step 3 (17th May)?

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 hospitality, spectators, changing rooms, and travel.

As always as any changes come into effect, we encourage each club to only move to the next steps if and when you feel comfortable in doing so. You should be comfortable in moving to the next step when you are prepared and satisfied you can put in place the associated measures to ensure participants remain safe.

The full guidance can be found [here](#).

Can Spectators attend from 17th May?

Spectators are permitted at both public and private venues. Spectators must observe social distancing and legal gathering size limits (groups of up to 30 outdoors). Outdoors, multiple groups of 30 (with no interaction among different groups) are permitted, with Government limits allowing up to 1,000.

Clubs are not responsible for controlling who views cricket in public open spaces or for people on public footpaths.

Can clubs use their changing rooms from 17th May?

Government guidance states: Changing rooms can open but their use should be discouraged. You should inform customers that these are areas of increased risk, that they should shower and change at home where possible, and, if they do need to use changing rooms, they should minimise time spent inside.

We have provided guidance to help you do this safely in the Changing Rooms section in Part 2 of the [full guidance](#) and some signs accessible via the [resource hub](#). Note that no club is obliged to provide use of changing facilities for all participants and clubs and venues should only use changing rooms when they are ready to do so safely – it will require time to complete the necessary preparations and venues should only do this at their pace.

If participants do need to use changing rooms, they should minimise time spent inside. More than one household can use changing facilities at one time, but people should maintain social distancing from people they don't live with (or share a relevant bubble with).

Whilst each venue is different and will need to assess their own risks, typically it takes 4 m² for social distancing at 2 m - so 5 people for a changing room of 20 m/sq. A good tip would be to look at the seating / peg positions and measure them out for social distancing and then look at how well ventilated the room is and adjust down if necessary.

From Step 3, 17th May, is car sharing permitted for sport and physical activity? You can leave your home to exercise and take part in informal and organised cricket. Car sharing is permitted at Step 3 for sport in accordance with the government guidance for safer travel.

Can we reintroduce teas from 17th May onwards?

It is important to note that we do not have any special dispensation for cricket teas. Should clubs wish to provide cricket teas they will need to fully comply with the [government guidance for hospitality \(restaurants and bars\)](#). This includes but is not limited to the following:

- A requirement to risk assess the service of teas and to record this in your COVID-19 Risk Assessment.
- You will be able to serve tea in groups of up to 6 or 2 households indoors, or in groups of up to 30 outdoors.
- If your venue serves alcohol, table service will be required. Even though alcohol is unlikely to be served at tea, this means tea must be served and eaten while seated.
- If your venue does not serve alcohol, customers can order and collect food and drink from a counter. But they must consume food and drink while seated at a table. Note that this is for fully plated food, this does not include buffet service.

It is a decision for each club and venue as to whether they wish to reintroduce teas, however we encourage each club communicate with visitors and players accordingly.

How do we open our nets safely and can we use every net?

All activity providers should carry out a risk assessment for the use of practice nets. This assessment will inform what mitigations need to be put in place to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, as well as the other risk factors associated with net practice.

Activity providers should consider all the detailed requirements of opening the whole facility as well as the factors specific to the use of nets e.g., the safe capacity of the net facility, managing players, coaches etc in and out of the nets and on and off the site. Providers should also consider the requirements of sanitising any relevant equipment between net sessions.

An organised net session does not have a limit on numbers, in line with wider playing guidance. The risk assessment should also consider the safety of the players involved in any informal sessions (see [Government guidance](#) for further details)

During organised net sessions, the contact details of all participants should be recorded either via a register or NHS QR code.

In most cases every net can be used subject to maintenance and regular Health and Safety checks and an assessment to ensure social distancing can be maintained in the net facility and limit the number of participants accordingly.

What size of group can we have and what child supervision and coaching ratios should we aim for at practice sessions?

The Government have not stipulated any restrictions on group sizes. Therefore, organised cricket and supervised children’s cricket can take place outdoors in safe numbers subject to a venue and activity COVID risk assessment.

Each venue and activity provider will have different amount of outdoor space and resource. The safe number of participants should be determined by a venue risk assessment and the venue must be able to demonstrate that social distancing can be maintained between participants (except in the limited circumstances during competitive play).

Your participants should feel safe when participating in cricket activity – listen to feedback related to numbers and if necessary, reduce group sizes.

You will also need to consider how your venue maintains social distancing at pick up and drop off times and staggering start times may be more applicable for some venues.

ECB guidance on supervision and coaching ratios for supervised children’s activity should be maintained (with social distancing) - please note that the tables below set out the maximum number of participants per adult/activator/coach. Where your risk assessment determines that reduced participant numbers are required due to space restrictions for example, you must reduce the number of participants accordingly:

Supervision ratios must be adhered to as a minimum for clubs/activity providers looking after groups of children:			
<i>Age group</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Other considerations</i>
8 and under	1	8	for single gender groups, there must be at least one same gender supervising adult. For mixed groups there must be at least one male and one female supervising adult.
9 and over	1	10	

Recommended qualified coach/activator to participant ratios:		
<i>Programme</i>	<i>Activator/Coach</i>	<i>Participants</i>
National programmes (All Stars and Dynamos)	1 Activator	24
Softball practice	1 Coach	24
Hardball practice (not in nets)	1 Coach	16
Net practice	1 Coach	8

Are there any other considerations for disability cricket?

People with disabilities can participate in organised outdoor and indoor sport without being subject to social contact limits. Non-disabled people are not permitted to participate, except where necessary to enable the sport to take place (such as a carer or coach helping the disabled person to participate). Disabled participants are also exempt for car sharing.

Do we need 'batting lines' for the batters during match play?

Marked batting lines are not required in 2021. Batters should remain socially distanced from other players and the umpire at all times and run on opposite sides of the pitch.