

## **BSCC and Covid29 Guidelines**

This note has been prepared by BSCC's Club Welfare Officer as a condensed version of the ECB and Herts Cricket guidelines concerning the return to cricket it is essential everyone recognises the serious risk CoVid19 poses. While you personally may be in a less vulnerable age or ethnic group, all BSCC members must ensure the risk transmission of the virus is minimised wherever possible. It is therefore important we adopt the protocols – failure to respect these will be treated a serious breach of health and safety by the club. **The guidelines must be taken seriously.** It is cricket but not as we know it.

### **If showing CoVid19 symptoms inform the captain, don't turn up and get a test.**

BSCC captains must ensure all players (including the opposition captain and, if necessary, officials) are fully aware of the new protocols and ensure they understand and adhere to the following:

#### **Travelling to away matches**

- Social distance when congregating at the club.
- Travel separately if you can.
- If travelling in the same car, wear masks, use hand sanitisers before and after getting in the cars, after touching car door/boot handles etc
- Only carry your own bags
- Avoid touching other kitbags when placing your kitbags into or extracting them from the car's luggage space
- Open windows in the car.

#### **Before the game**

##### Captains:

- Ensure all players (including visiting teams), scorers and umpires are briefed on these protocols
- Take a photograph of the opposition team sheet rather than exchanging it – ensure the captains contact number are on both team sheets
- Check hand sanitisers are available for players –players should however bring their own.
- Ensure the stumps have been sanitised
- Make sure there is a rain plan for those without cars (so young players are not left out in the rain.)

##### Players and Official:

- Changing facilities will always remain locked or not available. Pavilions will only be available for toilets and accessing first aid equipment
- Players and officials must arrive changed and bring food and drinks. No teas or drinks will be available
- Must adhere to the social distancing rules (2m, 1m where not feasible)
- Bring hand sanitisers and use them

##### Scorers:

- Social distance at all times – don't use small scoreboxes.
- Minimise touching of scoreboard equipment and only use one person to update the score. Use hand sanitisers frequently if more than one person has to operate the scoreboard.

##### Umpires:

- Only use own counters and jackets
- Ensure protocols are understood by both sides.

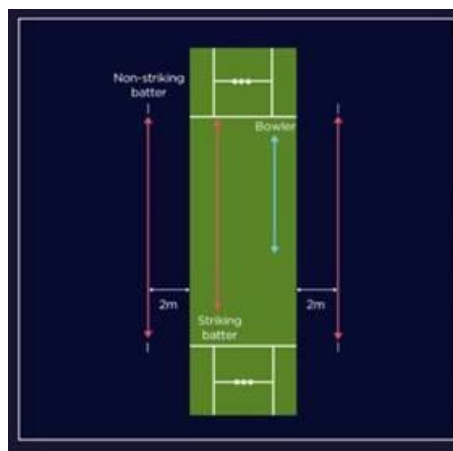
### During the game:

#### Captains:

- Must ensure the protocols are followed by all players on the field
- Fielding captains must sanitise the ball every 6 overs
- During rain delays the fielding captain retains the ball

#### Players:

- Bowlers will leave jumpers, glasses and other equipment on the boundary not with the umpires
- Sanitise hands before the start of the game
- Do not use sweat or saliva on the ball
- Don't share equipment
- Non-striking batsman should run along the marked "running" line.



- Minimise passing the ball around field
- Place the ball at base of stumps when a wicket falls and at the appropriate end at the end of the over
- Every 6 overs there will be a hygiene break, the fielding captain must sanitise ball and fielders sanitise their hands.
- When the stumps are disturbed, only the keeper (with gloves) or umpire should replace the bails
- Players moving the sightscreen must sanitise hand after doing this
- Players helping with rain covers must sanitise hands afterwards
- If there is a rain delay, players must use their own cars if available. Players without cars must socially distance in a suitable shelter.

#### Umpires:

- Sanitise hands after re-placing bails
- Avoid touching the ball once play begins
- Ask players to leave jumpers, glasses and other equipment on the boundary (or agree to leave behind keeper/umpire and not have 5 penalty runs)

### After the game:

- All participants should sanitise their hands
- Maintain social distancing
- If a groundsman is not available, the captain shall ensure a volunteer collects and sanitises any shared equipment (e.g. stumps, bails, boundary markers, field discs, scoreboard equipment).