



Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club

Return to playing cricket – Updated 9th July 2020

Updated guidance:

- There is an increased risk of transmission by partaking in cricket activity. All players who undertake cricket activity at CBH do so **at their own risk**. For further information on how to reduce the risk of infection when outside the home, visit the [Government guidance](#)
- 11 v11 cricket is allowed
- For all activity (except listed below), social distancing of at least two metres must be maintained at all times (except between members of the same household):
 - 1m+ (with risk mitigation) is permitted for wicket keepers standing up to the stumps
 - 1m+ (with risk mitigation) is also permitted as the distance between slip fielders
 - To reduce the risks, keep 1m+ distancing to a minimum and avoid face to face contact with others
- Social distancing must be observed at all times whilst on and off the field of play (except where 1m+ is permitted)
- Do not travel to the ground or attempt to play if you or anyone in your household displays symptoms of COVID-19 (temperature above 37.5 °C, a persistent cough, breathing problems or other symptoms identified by the Government, or if you or anyone in your household is currently self-isolating

Before cricket activity:

- Personal hygiene measures should be carried out at home before and cricket activity
- Bring your own personal hand sanitiser and maintain frequent and strict hand hygiene
 - If not possible, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after visiting the club
- Travel to the ground individually where possible, avoiding public transport and keeping car sharing to a minimum
 - Consider walking, cycling or using your own vehicle if you can
 - Car sharing. If you do have to travel with people outside your household or support bubble try to:
 - share the transport with the same people each time
 - keep to small groups of people at any one time
 - open windows for ventilation
 - travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them and face away from each other
 - consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle
 - clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products - make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch
 - ask the driver and passengers to wear a face covering
- Try not to arrive too early, aim to arrive just before the start of pre-match practice or the start of the game
- Avoid congregating
- Arrive ready to practice/play
- Bring your own playing/training equipment including balls. Avoid sharing equipment
- Bring your own filled drinking bottles. Do not share these with anyone
- Players should stick to using one ball in pre-match practice
- Avoid touching as much as possible whilst on club premises
- If two scorers are required, social distancing must be maintained with only one official inside the scorers' box and no players to be allowed in the scorers' box. The scorers' box should be well ventilated
- Communal scorebooks passed from one player to another should be avoided.
- Captains to ensure a register of players is kept to assist with track and trace if necessary

During cricket activity:

- All players should sanitize their hands prior to the start of play
- Batsmen should run along running lines on the square in line with the popping crease at 2m intervals on either side of the wicket only. They should not run within 2m of the bowler or other batter
- Bowlers should not hand any personal items to the umpire, they should place these items at the boundary themselves
- Umpires should refrain from any contact with the ball, it can be returned to the base of the stumps at breaks and wickets.



- Umpires should be responsible for the stumps closest to them and are the only person to replace the bails if dislodged.
- No saliva or sweat should come into contact with the ball at any time
- Players should refrain from spitting or rinsing out their mouths.
- Social distancing must be maintained including during post-wicket celebrations, drinks breaks and tactical discussions.
- Minimise sharing of the ball in a match by limiting contact as the ball makes its way back to the bowler e.g. ball goes straight from wicketkeeper to bowler instead of around surrounding fielders.
- A 'hygiene break' should take place every six overs or every 20 minutes, whichever is sooner, in which the ball is cleaned with an anti-bacterial wipe (conforming to BS EN 14476) and all participants' hands are cleaned using a suitable sanitiser
 - This routine should also be followed at the start of any drinks break or the close of an innings
 - The responsibility for sanitising the ball during the match will lie with the fielding captain, not the umpire
- Hand sanitiser should be used at all breaks (hygiene and drinks breaks) and prior to consuming any food or drinks
- No teas will be served
- Batters to sanitise their bat when leaving the field of play and Wicket Keepers should sanitise their gloves.
- In the event of rain, participants should return to their own vehicle to maintain social distancing if there is insufficient outdoor cover from the rain to maintain social distancing.
- Application of covers in the event of wet weather should be done whilst maintaining social distancing.
- Spectators should remain socially distanced at all times and refrain from all contact with the ball e.g. returning it to the field of play. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider UK Government guidance.
- In line with current UK Government guidance, clubs should not prepare food for participants. Individuals should bring their own food and drink for 'teas' or practice. Water bottles or other refreshment containers should not be shared.

After cricket activity:

- All participants should sanitise their hands after the completion of activity.
- Showers will not be available after the game
- Social gathering after the activity will be allowed in line with current UK Government guidelines on hospitality and social distancing must be maintained.
 - Players from both sides are welcome to use the bar/outside terrace at CBH providing they adhere to the terms & conditions of use, which are available on our [website](#)
- One club representative/volunteer should be responsible for collecting and disinfecting any shared equipment.
- Regular cleaning of equipment and the facility should take place, particularly between one group finishing, and the next group starting.
- Participants should exit whilst maintaining social distancing.

CBH will ensure that:

- A Risk Assessment has been completed for the clubhouse, bar, kitchen and playing areas
- The clubhouse, changing room and toilet facilities are clean
- A one-way/give-way system is in operation for toilets (players, coaches, umpires and scorers)
- Hand washing facilities are available for all site users
- Adequate space is provided for groups of no more than 6 people to change/prepare for cricket activity*
- Entry, exit and parking arrangements ensures social distancing can be maintained
- Groups are be limited to 30 people, including players, coaches, umpires and scorers
- Running lines will be marked on the square in line with the popping crease at 2m intervals on either side of the wicket.
- First Aid equipment and defibrillator is available while the clubhouse is open
- We will encourage all participants to report any infection of their household to the NHS Test and Trace system following use of the facility to limit the spread of the virus: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

**While Lancashire CCC are using CBH, Changing Room 3 will be out of bounds. For matches on the back pitch, the away team should change in Changing Room 4 and the home CBH team should store their kit in the gym area on the terrace. When batting, those padding up/down should use Changing Room 1 (front pitch), ensuring that social distancing is adhered to at all times*