



CFCC CONSIDERATIONS AND RULES FOR USE OF THE "NET" DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

SUMMARY

This set of rules that have been drawn up after considering the ECB guidelines on the steps the club should take to remain safe whilst undertaking recreational cricket activity and informal cricket activity in an outdoor environment. The ECB guidelines were produced in line with the UK Government guidance on public spaces, outdoor activity and exercise published on 1 June 2020. As and when those Government and ECB guidelines are revised the CFCC rules will be updated as necessary.

Whilst other forms of cricket activity (e.g. practice of individual cricket skills or fitness activities) can be undertaken within the current social distancing and corresponding ECB guidelines we are not presently permitting this at the CFCC ground. The following rules are specific only to the use of the CFCC net.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A risk assessment has been carried out at the ground to consider the impact of the Covid-19 Virus, and our ability to manage the outdoor facilities safely when considering available resources. We have concluded that only single authorised net sessions are viable and no other cricket activities can take place at the ground
- A booking system has been put in place and is managed by Matt Richards (MR) Club Chairman and Level 2 Coach responsible for safety at the ground
- Contact MR if you wish to make a booking
- A WhatsApp group will be set up for each six person group and clear day start/finish times established
- Changes to persons attending and start finish times must be agreed by MR
- Each group must include a nominated club representative to ensure the rules are complied with and sanitisation procedures are implemented
- Check for symptoms of COVID-19. In line with current Government guidance, if you are symptomatic, and/or living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection, you should remain at home and follow Government guidance. Do not come to nets!
- A sanitation procedure between use/booking will be implemented; this will include: cleaning of potential points of transmission, so contact points (stumps, access points etc), or spillages of body fluid e.g. sweat
- Signs have been put up at the ground making it clear only authorised net sessions are permissible

ADDITIONAL RULES AND CONSIDERATIONS

- The pavilion can be opened for access to first aid equipment only
- Changing rooms are to remain closed
- Toilets may be used if absolutely necessary- efforts will be made to ensure water and soap is available
- Wash hands at home before and after using the outdoor facilities
- Players should only use their own equipment
- Players should use their own ball or balls; that can easily be identified
- No saliva or sweat should be applied to the ball at any time
- Bring your own hand sanitiser where possible
- The net and stumps should already be in position before the session begins. If not then you need to take precautions when moving the net (gloves or strict hand washing before and afterwards)
- Arrive at the start of your allocated session and leave promptly on time
- Wash your hands before you leave to come to the session and when you return home
- There should not be more than 6 people on the ground at any one time
- On arrival park in allocated area giving space for other cars making sure 2m distance is easily possible when others are getting out of their car. (For juniors parents are permitted to drop off or stay but should stay in their car while watching any sessions)
- Keep 2m from everyone else at all times (the length of 2 adult cricket bats minimum)
- Bring your own drinks bottles and do not share with others
- Bowlers will wait where they can see the other balls being delivered but maintaining at least 2m distance from other players. The bowler must field his own ball after every delivery
- The batsman must not pick up the ball (with or without gloves) if the ball finishes in the net then they can knock it back to the bowler with their bat along the floor.
- Batsmen should not share equipment under any circumstances, all batsmen are expected to wear full equipment in the nets including helmet and box. Essential we do all we can to minimise risk of blood injury