

DIAMOND VALLEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

SENIOR COVID-19 PLAYING CONDITIONS 2020/21

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The DVCA has adopted the Cricket Victoria Return to Play COVID Guidelines for this season. In addition to the CV Guidelines, the DVCA has further adopted specific recommendations for our Association. Please find below the COVID Playing Conditions for season 2020/21 for the Senior & Vets competitions.

These requirements are for the 2020/21 season only are to be read in conjunction with our Association rules and the Laws of Cricket in general. Where there is any conflict between our Association rules or the Laws of Cricket in general, these regulations are to take precedence.

1. ON ARRIVAL

On arrival, everyone (including spectators) must check-in at the designated areas. Clubs should have multiple check in areas for those attending to sign in. This procedure is to help with any contact tracing should a COVID-19 case occur.

2. VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT / DHHS RESTRICTIONS COMPLIANCE

All people involved in cricket matches in Victoria must always comply with directions from the State Government / DHHS. Where there is any conflict with the requirements below, the requirements from the State Government / DHHS shall take precedence. This includes travel to and from matches and carpooling (Regional and Metro).

3. PHYSICAL (SOCIAL) DISTANCE & FACE MASKS

Off-field: Everyone attending cricket matches (players, volunteers, umpires, spectators, scorers, canteen staff etc.) are to keep a 1.5m distance from others at all times before, during and post-match. Those over 12 are also required to wear a face mask in accordance with DHHS directions.

On-field: Players and umpires shall not gather within 1.5m before and after play, during any breaks, following wickets and shall minimise any time spent within 1.5m of another person whilst play is underway. Umpires are required to wear a face mask; however, this is optional for on-field players.

4. MATCH EQUIPMENT

Anyone touching matchday equipment must sanitise their hands when setting up & packing down. Items shall be cleaned with an alcohol-based antibacterial wipe/spray - minimum 70% alcohol (ethanol or IPA) content before being touched. Matchday items includes - stumps, boundary cones or rope, tables / chairs for scorers, scorebooks, moving sightscreens, covers, rollers, mowers etc.

5. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Personal equipment (pads, gloves, helmet and bat) is discouraged from being shared. If it is however necessary to share equipment, the first person using the equipment shall remove their gloves, sanitise their hands and wipe or spray the item with a minimum 70%-alcohol (ethanol or isopropyl alcohol (IPA) based antibacterial wipe or spray. The person then borrowing the equipment, shall sanitise their hands before use and clean after use.
- All players kit bags are to be stored at least 1.5m apart from any other player bags.
- No items worn by a player shall be touched by another person unless the item is cleaned first. This includes any items that a bowler takes off to bowl their over (e.g. jumper, sunglasses, cap).

These items are not to be held by an umpire or given to another player or person, and are to be placed by the bowler themselves at the nearest of the following two locations:

– Over the boundary at any point; or

– At a point at least 3m behind the keeper in line with the stumps.

– N.B.: When an item is left on the field behind the stumps, they should be placed so they are no wider than the width of the stumps. If struck the ball is declared a 'dead ball' and re-bowled (except for helmets and fielding equipment – normal penalties apply). However should a fielder throw the ball and it strikes the bowlers hat/sweater in this position, then play will continue.

6. COIN TOSS

Whoever supplies the coin before the start of play shall toss the coin and pick up the coin (nobody else touching it). This should ideally be the umpire. If no coin is available, clubs shall improvise to not hold the game up – but whatever system is used, whoever supplies the coin (or stone, bat etc.) is the only person who touches it.

7. MATCH BALL

- **Sweat/Saliva Conditions:**

No sweat or saliva shall be placed on the ball by anyone at any time. Players are permitted to give the ball a 'dry shine' on their apparel only. If a player has been found to be using sweat or saliva on the ball, it is to be sanitised immediately following the cleaning instructions listed.

Enforcement Procedures:

- 1) In Games where there is an official umpire, the following procedure will be in place should a player & team be in breach of adding sweat or saliva to the ball whether unintentionally or intentionally:
 - a. Each team shall be given only 2 warnings if a player has been deemed to be in breach of the regulations (intentional or unintentional breaches). On the 3rd occasion during an innings when the team breaches the regulations, a 5-run penalty will be added to the score. The team will also be placed on report by the umpires at the end of the game. For any further breach in the same innings, a 5-run penalty will be continued to be added to the score.
 - b. Should a team who has been reported for breaching the regulations reoffend for the 2nd time during the season be reported again, they will lose 1 match point from their season tally. This sanction will continue to double for every game the team reoffends (eg. 3rd report = 2 match points; 4th report = 4 match points).
- 2) For games with no umpires, the same policy will apply however it will be up to the captains of each team to police the policy. The Captains are to report any team breaches to DVCA GM immediately following the game along with a written submission of when the breaches occurred (eg. Over and ball number). These can also be recorded in the scorebook. Any teams trying to use this to their advantage will put the season at risk as they are not following the guidelines. The DVCA Executive will deal with any issues arising from this on a case-by-case basis.

- **Cleaning the Ball:**

The umpire shall not touch the ball at any stage - this includes where players or parents are umpiring. Where it is necessary to touch the ball to inspect it, the umpire shall immediately sanitise their hands before & after inspection (or wear disposable gloves and dispose of them immediately after use).

The ball shall be cleaned with an alcohol-based antibacterial wipe/spray (- with minimum 70% alcohol (ethanol) content after the completion of every 10 overs, at any scheduled break (drinks, lunch, afternoon tea) and if the ball has been touched by hand by any off-field person (spectators, coaches, parents etc.). If a wicket falls during an over when a break was planned, the ball shall be cleaned immediately. This shall be completed by the bowling team captain (or another designated player if the captain is a keeper) in sight of the central umpire and/or junior coaches. Wipes/spray may be held by the umpire, captain or be left with the scorers as agreed by competing teams but shall be disposed of immediately (or placed in a secure zip lock bag until the next break).

- After a wicket, the ball shall be left next the stumps at the bowling end for the next delivery and be collected by the bowler when getting ready to bowl the next ball.
- At the completion of each over, the fielder who fielded the ball last will be responsible for placing it next to the stumps at the end of the pitch where the next over will be bowled.
- During each scheduled break, the ball shall not be touched by anyone. It may be placed in a zip lock bag or put in a box and held to ensure security.
- Players are permitted to dry the ball with a towel on days when there are damp conditions however the towel is NOT to be shared between players. Each player must have their own towel to dry the ball.

8. NO COMMUNAL FOOD / DRINKS

- No communal food / drinks shall be supplied by clubs. Players and officials shall either bring their own personal drinks / food or purchase at any available canteen / kiosk.
- Any food brought to the match should be in a sealed or pre-packaged container.

9. HAND SANITISER (ALCOHOL-BASED ANTIBACTERIAL WITH MINIMUM 70% ALCOHOL

- All attendees shall sanitise their hands upon arrival at the ground.
- All players, umpires and officials (including scorers, coaches etc.) shall also sanitise their hands every 10 overs (this can be at the fall of a wicket in the designated over).

10. TEAM SHEETS / SCORING

- No physical team sheets shall be shared with the opposition. Teams are to be selected on MyCricket before play commences. Should a team have a late change and can't make the change to MyCricket prior to the game commencing, the captain shall fill out a team sheet and take a photo of it to be shown at the toss.
- Scorers shall maintain a 1.5m distance at all times. Any equipment used (iPad, scorebook, pens) shall be wiped - with an alcohol-based antibacterial with minimum 70% alcohol (ethanol or IPA) before use and each time a new scorer is required.
- Where manual scoreboards are in use, it is preferable for the same person to attend to the numbers during an innings. If there is more than one person attending to the scores, then the person touching the numbers should disinfect their hands after each update.

11. MATCHES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Given the current climate facing the Australian community, there may be instances where matches are impacted by either a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. DHHS will be able to provide specifics relating to testing and quarantine protocols. Any club who becomes part of a COVID case, needs to notify the DVCA Executive as soon as possible. The subsequent information provided to impacted players and teams within that club will ultimately determine the course of action for the relevant games ahead for those particular teams involved. However, given this situation is external

to cricket, and often no fault can be attributed to participants who are suspected of having or have a confirmed case of COVID-19, any match impacted by COVID-19 shall be determined either as a draw or rescheduled to a reserve day. Any club which needs to forfeit a game because of the impacts of a COVID case, will not be fined.

12. UMPIRE FEES PAYMENT

Clubs are to prepare the umpires fees (cash) in a plastic zip lock bag prior to the match and make sure that all money is wiped down prior to being placed in the bag. The cash money must not be that collected from the players on match day

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