



CRICKET AUSTRALIA RETURN TO TRAINING & PLAY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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ARE WE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO TRAINING?

This is dependent on your State or Territory Government lifting restrictions on social gathering and also allowing for the return of small group training for community sport.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO BEFORE RETURNING TO TRAINING?

Ensure that clubs understand the resources provided by Cricket Australia, including:

- Return to Training - Protocols
- Return to Training - Checklist
- Detailed Guidelines for returning to training and playing

Ensure that clubs have implemented all required hygiene protocols.

Ensure all participants, coaches, volunteers and parents have been informed on all requirements of returning to training.

ARE WE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO PLAYING?

This is dependent on your State or Territory Government lifting restrictions on social gathering and also allowing for the return of competitive play for community sport. We remain hopeful that this is in the not too distant future.

DO WE HAVE TO DOWNLOAD THE COVIDSAFE APP?

It is strongly recommended that all who are involved in community cricket download and install the COVIDSafe app to ensure that we are able to track and trace any active cases. But no, you do not have to download the app if you do not wish too.

ARE WE ALLOWED TO HAVE SPECTATORS ATTEND MATCHES?

We are asking clubs to minimise the amount of spectators to assist in mitigating the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Those attending matches and training sessions must adhere to physical distancing requirements and understand as to whether their presence contributes to social gathering counts as per State or Territory Government direction.

DOES OUR INSURANCE STILL APPLY?

Yes it does. Participants will be covered under the Personal Accident policy and clubs & associations under the Public Liability and Club Management Liability policies that make up the National Club Risk Protection Program. Cover under these policies remains under their current terms, conditions and exclusions. For more information [click here](#).

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A POSITIVE TEST IN OUR TEAM?

If there is a positive case within your team then all participants, coaches, officials and volunteers who have been in contact will need to self-isolate for 14 days. If you are feeling unwell then you should seek medical advice immediately by calling your GP or visiting a COVID-19 clinic. Please do not attend training or matches if you feel unwell.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A SPIKE IN COVID-19 CASES IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Cricket Australia and the State & Territory Cricket Associations will continue to monitor the situation and take advice from all levels of government. There is always the possibility that if restrictions are tightened again, that cricket seasons could be paused or cancelled.

WHY CANT WE SHARE DRINKS LIKE WE USED TO DO?

The sharing of cups and drinks containers can increase the risk of transmitting viruses. Participants are advised to bring their own water bottles and not share them with others. We also ask that water bottles are washed and disinfected after every training session and match.

HOME TEAMS PROVIDE MORNING OR AFTERNOON TEA FOR THE OPPOSITION, CAN WE STILL DO THAT?

If clubs wish to provide food or drinks for the opposition, they must be individually packaged portions. Otherwise, we recommend that players provide their own food, drinks, snacks etc.

THERE ARE A LOT OF RULES AROUND HYGIENE AND CLEANING. HOW WILL OUR CLUB AFFORD TO DO ALL THAT IS REQUIRED?

In most cases, it will be the responsibility of the club to ensure that all additional cleaning and hygiene requirements are met. Cricket Australia is currently developing a range of resources (including this one) to ensure clubs understand those requirements. We would advise that clubs contact their local council to understand how they may be able to assist in keeping facilities as clean as possible at an affordable price.

WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO TRAIN IN LARGER GROUPS?

Again, this will be dependent on your State and Territory Government lifting restrictions around social gathering and also any further direction on community sport.

WHAT STRATEGIES CAN WE USE TO ADDRESS THE LARGE AMOUNT OF PARTICIPANTS WE HAVE?

Clubs can look introduce a phased training schedule that has different start time, days and locations. We also recommend that there be a gap of at least 10-15 minutes between groups to minimise crossover and allow for required cleaning to be completed.

DO GATHERING LIMITS INCLUDE COACHES, UMPIRES AND SCORERS?

Again, this will be dependent on your State and Territory Government and how they are directing their communities.

CAN WE REALLY NOT USE SALIVA OR SWEAT TO SHINE THE BALL?

No you cannot use saliva or sweat to shine the ball. The risk of transmission of COVID-19 is highest through saliva and this measure is in place to protect all participants and umpires.