



## COVID-19 Update

### Cricket clubs and leagues

Dear all,

Following the safeguarding update earlier this week which can be found [here](#), please find below the latest COVID-19 Bulletin.

Thanks to all that completed the recent ECB survey. The answers have provided valuable insights into what ECB should be doing to support Counties, Clubs and Leagues.

Across the survey, containing responses from over 1000 clubs, we are clear that Finance and Players are the biggest concerns with Grounds and Pitches not far behind.

With the Finance Support package in place we are turning our attention to Players and Grounds over the next few weeks and we will share more details in the coming weeks.

### ***The Hundred Update***

The England and Wales Cricket Board yesterday confirmed that the launch of The Hundred will now take place in summer 2021. The news follows a meeting dedicated to the subject, where the Board concluded it was not possible for the competition to be staged this year. Read more [here](#).

### ***National Programmes Update***

The safety and wellbeing of all people involved in cricket is our absolute priority and so whilst we continue to work through solutions, All Stars and Dynamos Cricket remain suspended for the time being in line with government guidance. We will do everything we can to run programmes later in the year should the government guidance allow us to do so and we will remain in touch with any updates as and when they are available. If the situation means we are unable to reschedule programmes for a later date, we will ensure that refunds or credits are available for participants.

We know that cricket can play a huge part in supporting physical and mental wellbeing of children around the country and we are continuing to explore ways that we can bring cricket to homes through indoor games, challenges, and digital content. Some of this you may have

already seen via our All Stars Cricket activity booklet, our All Stars garden games, and keep an eye out for the Dynamos Cricket app, and educational content coming your way shortly.

Our aim is to do what's best for our community throughout this unusual period and appreciate your support to do the same. This is new territory for all of us, and we appreciate your patience during this time.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our [help desk](#).

## Online and Umpire Scoring Courses

ECB Association of Cricket Officials has created a range of free online courses for aspiring umpires and scorers. The courses are a great way for people to use the current downtime to learn a new skill or brush up on their knowledge.

**Basics of Umpiring** – This course is aimed at umpires who simply want to learn the fundamental laws and basic field craft and those players who umpire 5 or 10 overs at the weekend. Book now [here](#).

**Umpire Stage One** – This course is designed to give an overview of the basic Laws of the game as well as providing information on how to apply them and introduce the principles of field craft and match management. This course is an ideal introduction for new club umpires, a refresher for existing umpires and the first step for those who aspire to umpire at higher levels. Book now [here](#).

**Basics of Scoring** – This course is designed to provide all the skills needed to start scoring. The course covers the basics of scoring a game of cricket such as scoring symbols, umpire signals, dismissals and gives a helpful overview of the laws of the game. Book now [here](#).

Where possible we would encourage you to advertise these courses on your county board website and promote through your social media channels using the registration links provided.

If you have any queries, please contact [Karen Cassidy](#) or [Martin Gentle](#). Alternatively please contact our generic email address [here](#).