



SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

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Dear Member Clubs

Just like you are we are pleased that the Government have given recreational cricket approval from 11th July so the ECB can move toward Stage 4 on the previously released roadmap to cricket.

From surveys that our players have completed via the Cricket Board they have indicated that they would like some sort of competitive cricket if we are able to organise it and that is what we will do.

We have been working with the Somerset Cricket Board and the leagues within the WEPL Pyramid over recent weeks and we are pleased to announce that commencing on Saturday 25 July we will run "Bubble" divisions of either 4,6 or 8 teams based around localised matches and will run for 6/7 weeks.

The ambition is to play as full a game as possible under the Government approved ECB Playing Guidelines which will be announced shortly.

We understand that not all clubs may not be in a position to play this summer which is not a problem but to help us a league with organising the adapted structure we would request that you complete the following form by **Midday Wednesday 8th July** to confirm what teams you are entering and any hosting issues you may have:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CcMcZt-Tx0WnW7L2ExnpdYn_csWwEoVPI0H8KTfbKWtUQ0VYQjdFNEFLMURTN1JIVkQ1VjRBQ1RPUy4u

Please note: We request that as clubs you are realistic with teams that you enter rather than optimistic. If teams are entered (with the best intentions of course) but then pull out of fixtures it will have significant knock on effects for other teams and players.

Once we have that information we can organise and publish a structure.

Clubs will be able to play friendlies or inter club matches on 11th /18th July if they are able to but will allow those clubs who have had restrictions on facilities extra time to play within the adapted league structure.

ECB have a guidance document on preparing your facilities for match play which is available at: [Guidance on preparing your clubhouse and grounds](#) and The Grounds Maintenance Association have released a document on get Pitches ready with is available at: https://thegma.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/inline-images/interim_works_fit_for_play_cricket_-_2_july_20.pdf

This is a uniquely difficult time for players, clubs and leagues and any 'solutions' will be imperfect. However, it is an opportunity for us all to support each other and achieve some cricket

Kind Regards