

Dear Clubs & Leagues of Somerset,

I just wanted to update you all on the latest on the Recreational Game and make you aware of some of Funding Deadlines:

Statement regarding latest government announcement

Following the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday evening and the release of the subsequent [detailed guidance](#) we have received enquiries from many clubs about the possibility of opening their nets for use by households.

We share the excitement of the cricket community about this being a possibility in the near future. The ECB are seeking further clarity from the government prior to communicating with the network about what may or may not be allowed to happen in light of the latest government announcement.

We will, of course, communicate with the Somerset network just as soon as we have an update from the ECB.

In the meantime the ECB has reiterated that all forms of recreational cricket are currently suspended including nets and we ask all of our clubs to continue to respect this as you have all done so far.

Please see below a statement from Nick Pryde (ECB Director of Participation & Growth) released on Tuesday 12th May:

"We are aware that the UK Government has announced changes that affect sport and physical activity in England, which are due to come into effect on Wednesday 13 May.

"We are expecting to receive further clarity from the UK government in the coming days and in turn we will share greater detail and guidelines with the game as soon as we are able.

"Our priority is to support our colleagues and clubs across the game to deliver elements of outdoor cricket in a responsible way that does not compromise safety.

"We completely understand the level of patience that recreational players have had to demonstrate so far, and know that most will be desperate to return to the nets to practice. We ask for a little more time to plan out the best way to deliver this opportunity to everyone as safely as possible.

"The health and wellbeing of everyone in cricket remains our No.1 priority. We will share further updates towards the end of the week along with a support plan for our clubs to follow."

Funding Deadlines for Sport England & Spacehive

Yesterday the Sport England Emergency Fund was been topped up by an extra £15m to help meet the demand of existing applications which is excellent news. The fund however is being paused at 11:59pm on Thursday 14th May to enable them to process the backlog of applications so if you haven't applied yet and are planning to, get your applications in!

Also the deadline to setup an ECB Crowdfunding Project through Spacehive is Thursday 14th May. The partnership with Spacehive enable any club who raises £100 to secure a further £100 from

the ECB. There are already clubs in Somerset who have raised over £400 through this on top of the ECB donation.

To find out more on both of these scheme

visit: <https://www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk/covid-19-updates/#Finance>

ECB Clubs and Leagues Update- 8th May

The below link is to the ECB Clubs & Leagues Update from Friday 8th May:

<https://ecb-comms.co.uk/1FT6-6V2RL-DDAXJ9FW82/cr.aspx>

Also attached is the updated Covid-19 Club Support Document and all additions/changes are highlight in yellow.

Finally, Thank you to all the clubs who have completed the “ Club Health Check” survey it is greatly appreciated and we urge all clubs to do so ASAP as it will help us with our support for clubs at this time.

Kind Regards



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