



# Messaging Update

## Clubs and Leagues

Dear All,

Please find below your weekly messaging update, including information regarding Spacehive, the Cricket-Tea-A-Thon and the Rachel Heyhoe Flint Trophy.

### ***ECB Step 4 Return to Cricket Guidance Reminder to all Participants***

Ahead of this weekend, please find below a reminder of the key requirements when playing cricket in England. For guidance for Wales, please click [here](#).

# PLAN FOR SOCIALLY DISTANCED CRICKET MATCHES IN ENGLAND



Undergo a personal symptom check at home prior to matches. Stay at home and do not take part if you demonstrate any COVID-19 symptoms



Use own equipment throughout where possible and clean bat when leaving field of play



No sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time. Hands and the ball should be cleaned at all breaks in play and every 6 overs



Players to remain socially distanced at all times (wicket keepers and slip fielders at 1m+)



Use of the clubhouse, changing rooms and toilets should adhere to the latest UK Government advice



Keep a record of all those in attendance at each session, including contact details



Social distancing should be maintained during wicket celebrations and drinks breaks



Batters are to run in distinct marked running lines to ensure they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter

**Groups limited to a maximum of 30 participants, including coaches and officials**

## Spacehive - Deadline Approaching

It has been fantastic to see another influx of clubs signing up to the Spacehive crowdfunding scheme. A reminder that the deadline to sign up is **31 August**, and if you are wishing to take part, you can sign up [here](#).

## Cricket Tea-A-Thon



This week we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the clubs and community groups who have registered to take part in the [Cricket Tea-A-Thon](#) and become a Trussell Trust food collection point and we're shining a light on the fantastic work of **Barking CC in Essex**.

On 4th August, the club held their 7th food bank collection this summer. They have collected an outstanding 670 kg of food across 1,145 items - equivalent to 155 shopping bags, all which has been donated to the Barking Trussell Trust food bank. This food bank has been desperately short of tinned meat, washing up liquid, jam and Halal-certified long life food to name a few items. The Barking food bank has described the support received from Barking CC and its volunteers as 'absolutely phenomenal' demonstrating the positive impact cricket can make to its local community.

If your club wishes to do something similar and help the most vulnerable in your local community, you can [register here](#) to become a Trussell Trust food collection point and get involved in the nationwide Cricket Tea-A-Thon campaign.

Once registered, you will receive a resource pack to help you set up your collection point, including a list of the right foods to collect, help promoting donation to their networks and information where your local [Trussell Trust food bank](#) is located. Also included are useful resources such as a poster, social media assets and example posts.

We'd love to shine a light on other clubs and community groups who are making an amazing difference to support food donation, if you would like to share one of your stories with us, please email the team [here](#).

**Rachel Heyhoe Flint Trophy - everything you need to know**



#### NORTH GROUP



#### SOUTH GROUP



The Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy is a competition being played for the first time this summer.

It's a special edition 50-over competition, played between the eight newly formed regions who make up the women's elite domestic structure.

The eight regions will be split into two regionalised groups of four, with the two respective group winners progressing to play each other in a final. The venue for the final will be the home of the best-performing team in the group stages.

Fixture dates for the trophy will be announced tomorrow, alongside fixtures for the men's Vitality Blast. For more information on teams, who's playing, fixtures and why it's been given its name, click [here](#).

## Coming up over the next few weeks

Following the update on the County Board call earlier this week, a reminder of some of the things for your radar over the coming weeks.

### Volunteer Survey

Following CCB consultations with Rockcorps, we will be sharing a link to our Volunteer Survey next week. This provides a great opportunity to help shape the ECB response to the Volunteer strategy and we would greatly appreciate your support in completing the survey.

### Cricket Playing Survey

As with previous years, we will be sharing the Cricket Playing Survey the week commencing 24 August. Given the challenges and changes in player behaviour during COVID-19, this year this survey will be more important than ever. It will look back on the height of the COVID-19 period and focus on the response to the return of cricket as well.