



# COVID-19 Update

## Cricket clubs and leagues

Dear All

Following the first weekend of the return of recreational cricket and as we gear up to the second #raisethebat Test against the West Indies, there is a huge amount to update you on this week.

We encourage you to take the time to read through all our items below. We've created a list of included topics to help you see quickly what this update includes.

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### Return to Cricket Guidance Update *in England*

We have made some amends to our Return to Cricket guidance, specifically around group sizes for junior cricket and nets training. Following a change to Government guidance, to support social distancing, junior cricket training sessions must be split into groups of up to 15 children (however full 11-a-side matches can occur if social distancing is maintained). Adjacent nets are now able to be used provided social distancing and COVID-19 mitigation steps are taken as outlined previously.

Please find the updated guidance for England [here](#) and the updated Before, During and After infographic for England [here](#).

### Return to Cricket Guidance *in Wales*

We are delighted that cricket is now able to return in Wales as well as England, subject to social distancing measures being observed. Please find links below to relevant documents to support Welsh clubs in their return to the game.

- [Full Guidance for Return to Cricket in Wales](#)
- [8-step infographic for Return to Cricket in Wales](#)
- [Before, during and after activity in Wales](#)
- [Roadmap to the return of cricket in Wales](#)

## All Stars Cricket Guidance



With the fantastic news from the UK Government that cricket can resume we are delighted that this also means that All Stars Cricket can take place in line with the [ECB's guidance on Return to Cricket Plan for Step 4](#). Please click [here](#) for answers to some of the key questions that you may have regarding the return of All Stars Cricket.

We will also release an All Stars Cricket Activator Handbook to help Activators deal with the specifics relating to COVID-19 and how games and activity can be modified accordingly.

We will be sharing the update [here](#) with parents tomorrow.

## Return to Cricket FAQs

Following the release of our guidance, we have been collating the most frequently asked questions from you via the Head of Regions. Please find [here](#) or below a collated list of all FAQs for England Guidance.

[Return to Cricket FAQs](#)

## NatWest Cricket Force



Last week we shared details [here](#) of NatWest CricketForce 2020. We are hugely excited to let you know that the PPE equipment will be landing in clubs who signed up pre-March 2020 **this week!** These packs will include:

- 25 x 200ml bottles of hand sanitiser
- 4 x 750ml bottles of disinfectant
- 4 packs of 50 facemasks
- 100 wipes
- 2 packs of 4 sets of gloves

Don't forget that clubs who hadn't originally signed up are still able to do so by clicking [here](#).

For a full list of clubs who registered *before* March 2020 please click [here](#). These clubs signed up to be part of NatWest CricketForce pre COVID-19 and therefore will receive their PPE equipment first.

We will share a list of new club sign ups next week.

## **Cricket Tea-a-thon this Friday**

**This Friday**, during the second West Indies Test, we will be raising awareness of and helping tackle, food poverty in the UK through a Cricket Tea-A-Thon campaign in partnership with the Trussell Trust.

### **What do clubs need to do**

1. Whether at home watching, or at your local club playing, we encourage you and your colleagues to post a picture of your Cricket Tea using #CricketTea to help raise awareness.
2. This week, and over the next few weeks, we encourage you to register as food collections points [here](#). We've created some assets for you to use over your social channels download them [here](#).
3. Encourage your members to donate any food to either your club if you have signed up as a food collection point, or a Trussell Trust collection point. Members can find their nearest collection point [here](#).

More information can be found [here](#) and if you have questions please contact us by emailing [here](#).

## **Officials Guidance for the Return to Cricket**

As well as our main guidance for the return to cricket, we have also created specific guidance for officials. Details can be found via the links below.

- [Full Officials Guidance \(England\)](#)
- [Welsh Officials Guidance](#)
- [Officials Infographic](#)

## Resource Hub sign-in information

We have noticed many of you downloading assets from the ECB Resource Hub recently which has been fantastic. We have also seen a number of you try to register / sign-in as you try and navigate the pages for additional assets. Apologies that this has caused confusion. Over the next few weeks we will be releasing an upgrade to the system where you will be able to register and we will grant access, giving you the ability to access a range of additional functionalities including the ability to edit assets.

However, until then, please find below direct links to a number of collections that we have shared with you recently. You do **not** need to sign in to access these assets.

- [All Network Marketing Assets \(we have added \*\*all assets\*\* to this folder for simplicity\).](#)
- [Cricket Tea-a-thon for CCBs](#)
- [Cricket Tea-a-thon for Clubs](#)
- [NatWest CricketForce](#)
- [#raisethebat assets](#)
- [Emergency Support for Clubs](#)

## Turn your club red and win a visit from Andrew Strauss



The Ruth Strauss Foundation is calling on everyone to help turn cricket red while watching The Ruth Strauss Foundation Test - England v West Indies at Emirates Old Trafford, 24-28 July.

This year RSF has organised a challenge for all recreational clubs! Clubs who go **REALLY RED** and tag **#RedforRuth** and **@Ruthstraussfdn** on twitter, will have the chance to be featured on Sky Sports during The Ruth Strauss Foundation Test Match. The winner – picked by Sir Andrew Strauss LIVE on Sky Sports – will receive a visit from the man himself and RSF celebrity ambassadors for a bit of coaching, drinks and a Q&A at the club.

We'd encourage clubs to share the news across your channels get involved, purchase the official RSF red t-shirts and help us turn cricket **#RedforRuth** on Saturday 25 July.

For more information on the RSF club challenge with useful messages and images, please click [here](#).

To Shop #RedForRuth click [here](#). Please remember to purchase merchandise before Sunday 19 July in order to receive it in time for the Test match.

The Ruth Strauss Foundation will offer a discount for larger orders of official #RedForRuth products to clubs who go REALLY red. Contact Sarah [here](#) if you'd like to discuss an order of 20+ items, orders must be received by 19 July.

## Share your return to cricket moments with us



Over the past four months, there have been so many people who have not only kept us safe and protected within their 'normal' jobs, but have gone above and beyond to keep clubs running and support the return of cricket. We raise our bats to all of you and would encourage you to use the [#raisethebat](#) to recognise all those that have made this possible. Download an asset to use [here](#), and share your photos, videos or stories of your return to cricket using the [#raisethebat](#).

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