



COVID-19 Update

Cricket clubs and leagues

Dear all,

Ahead of the bank holiday weekend, please find below the latest COVID-19 update. We hope you have a lovely extended weekend.

Together Through This Test

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has launched 'Together Through This Test', a nationwide campaign shining a light on the work undertaken by the game in response to COVID-19 and highlighting the resources available to the public.

Cricket staff, volunteers and players across the country – from both the professional and the recreational game - have already taken part in over 200 initiatives during lockdown. Projects include long-distance charity runs, delivering food to the vulnerable and a dedicated phone support service for those left isolated by coronavirus.

More information can be found [here](#).

Recreational Game Update

The below provides an Executive Summary of our latest guidance on the use of outdoor facilities. The full guidance can be found [here](#). Since the guidance was issued last week we've received some questions, click [here](#) for a link to our responses to the most commonly-asked questions.

Managing Vacant Buildings and Operating Safely – A Guide for Recreational Cricket Clubs

Further to last week's guidance on the use of outdoor cricket facilities in lockdown, we thought it would be helpful to provide guidance on the management of health and safety for vacant or low occupancy buildings or spaces at recreational grounds. Please click [here](#) to access the guide.

It highlights key considerations and actions to help prevent infection and transmission of COVID-19. It is aimed at all clubs, venue providers, facilities managers, and others responsible for managing these areas at grounds and venues.

Future updates to follow will include information on bringing these spaces into use as government advice changes. If you have any questions, please contact ECB at enquiries@ecb.co.uk.

COVID-19 Support from NatWest

Given the delay to the season, NatWest want to help support you and your club amidst the uncertainty. In the coming weeks NatWest will share a comprehensive guide which will include tips, tools and guides for cricket clubs. Take a look at just some of the tips here:

Taking Care of the Community

Cricket clubs are a huge part of a local community and have a role to play in keeping morale high. As a club, it's important to remember that your club will need to balance the needs of the members as well as considering the impact on the club. Here are a few thought starters to help members reduce the cost of playing and keep them involved in the club.

Flexibility

Some members might need some flexibility with membership payments due to reduced income. Thinking about how they can structure payments over time to help members stay involved with the club can have longer term benefits that should be considered.

Second-hand Kit Sale

Another consideration for your members is a second-hand kit sale. Cost of new equipment can be pricey so if there are any members not returning or buying new kit for the season that may help reduce the cost of playing and keep members at the club.

The NatWest Club Cricket Finance Guide launches in the coming weeks to help you to keep your club's finances in a healthy state for the years ahead. In the meantime click [here](#) for more information and support