

Dear Clubs of Somerset,

Firstly, Congratulations to Bedminster, Kilmington & Stourton, North Petherton, Taunton St Andrews, Winscombe and Wiveliscombe for reaching the SCF Ko Cup Finals on Sunday 8th August. More details on Finals day will be released shortly.

Facilities Survey

Two weeks ago we kindly asked all clubs to complete a short facilities survey to help refresh some of the data for our facilities strategy which was started in 2019 but was put on hold due to the pandemic:

<https://forms.office.com/r/v9t9nJVJhy>

So far the following clubs have completed this survey:

Barrow Gurney Cricket Club	Churchill Cricket Club	Middlezoy Cricket Club
BATH CRICKET CLUB	Claverham	Midsomer Norton Cricket Club
Bear Flat CC	Clevedon cricket club	Nailsea Cricket Club
Beckington	Combe Down Cricket Club	Old Bristolians & Westbury Cricket Club
BISHOP SUTTON CC	Congresbury	Oldfield Park
Bishops Hull	Cranmore	Roadwater Cricket Club
Blagdon CC	Crewkerne	Shapwick & Polden
Bridgetown	Crowcombe Cricket Club	Stoke St Mary Cricket Club
Brislington	Hampset Cricket Club	The Star CC
Brompton Ralph Cricket Club	Hinton Charterhouse CC	TICC Curry Rivel
Burnham on Sea	Ilton Cricket Club	Uphill Castle Cricket Club
Chard	Keynsham	Wedmore Cricket Club
Cheddar	Leema Cricket Club	Wellington CC
Chew Magna	Long Ashton Cricket Club	Wells Cricket Club
Chilcompton Sports CC	Long Sutton CC	Wembdon
	Mells CC	Wiveliscombe Cricket Club
		Yeovil Royal Blasters CC

If your club doesn't appear on this list please can you take the time to complete it by close of play on Sunday 26th July as it will provide valuable information to help shape the future of cricket facilities in Somerset.

Covid-19

On Monday the ECB updated their COVID-19 Guidance as we move to Step 4 of the ECB Roadmap for Cricket.

Whilst the Government are easing COVID restrictions and almost all legal restrictions of social contact will be removed, we urge clubs to be cautious and encourage you to operate in a manner which has the safety of members and guests at the heart of what you do, as you have done throughout the last 16 months.

Whilst the game of Cricket itself remains a safe, socially distanced sport, we are also seeing the impact of Covid-19 and associated isolations in society being reflected within the cricket community. Therefore, with a spike in the number of cases and self-isolations we urge clubs and players to do all they can to continue to mitigate against risk in order to ensure we can keep the recreational game going throughout the remainder of the season. We are seeing a significant number of cricket clubs currently being affected by self-isolations and so without continuing to act really responsibly and with extra levels of caution we could see a really significant impact on the remainder of the season

So, in addition to ECB documents circulated earlier in the week, and to help clubs understand what they can do to act cautiously, Somerset Cricket Foundation would like to make the following recommendations to the recreational game in our county:

Sanitiser Breaks and minimising close contact - We recommend that players continue to sanitise their hands every 6 overs and minimise close contact throughout (before, during and after games)

Changing Rooms and Showers - We recommend that clubs should continue to operate very carefully with regards changing rooms by restricting numbers inside changing rooms at any one time to a maximum of 4 players, and also operating a one in one out policy for showers (* If your changing rooms are small, you may decide 4 is too high a number)

Face coverings - Whilst no longer required by law, they are recommended in crowded indoor settings. Therefore, for those moving around and queueing in indoor spaces, we advise masks continue to be worn.

Travel restrictions - where possible, we recommend minimising car sharing i.e. those sharing cars and the number of players in each car should be kept at a minimum

Free NHS lateral flow testing - These are available to cricket clubs and individuals and so SCF and the ECB encourages clubs to utilise these free tests for their players. You can either visit a local centre to collect free lateral flow tests (find out more here; <https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site>) or you can order to your home (find out more here; <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>)

Without participants, we simply cannot play.

Finally, as has applied throughout, you as clubs should not feel under any undue pressure to move to the next steps of the Government's roadmap and/or ECB's guidance if you do not feel ready or equipped to do so. Continued good risk assessments and respect between clubs our clubs and their protocols remains really important.

Coming Soon- ECB County Grants Fund

In August we will be communicating information on the launch of the new ECB County Grants Fund.

The County Grants Fund aims to support affiliated Cricket Clubs to create welcoming environments, provide enhanced facilities and playing opportunities, and to develop environmentally sustainable clubs.

Watch this space for more details!

Kind Regards



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