

Welcome to our Return to Cricket webinar

Thank you for joining. We will be starting shortly, but in the meantime:

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Please ensure you are on mute.

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Feel free to share your video, if you are happy to do so.

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The presentation will be recorded and shared following the call





ECB Three Stage Plan

We are now in the Prepare Phase

We are here

Protect

Society locked down

Time for cricket to protect itself and support the nation

Rolling two month plan

Guidance and Clarity

Prepare

Society opening up

Time to prepare for cricket's return

Creation of new plan

Guidance and Clarity

Play

Society reopened

Time for cricket to deliver

Revised plan for future

Guidance and Clarity



At ALL times we will be clear with you and the network which phase we are in.

At ALL times we will take guidance from Government.



Protect Phase

1. Affiliation refunds:

- To date 55% of clubs have claimed this refund.

2. Financial support for clubs (Government, Sport England & ECB):

- To date £680k of funding has been secured by 60% of affiliated clubs.
- A further 30% of clubs have advised that they haven't any financial concerns.
- 8% of clubs are in the application process for funding.
- 2% of clubs have not responded to any support communications.





ROADMAP TO PLAY

Looking ahead from Step 3 to Step 4


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Lockdown
23 March - 13 May

At-home training and basic use of cricket grounds but not facilities e.g. nets


- Essential ground maintenance


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Household activity
13 May - 1 June
Guidance released 15 May

Use of outdoor facilities (e.g. nets, outfield, wicket)

- For individuals, individual households, or pairs of adults - all socially distanced
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STEP
3

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1 June - TBC
Guidance released 5 June

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STEP
4

Adapted gameplay
Date TBC

Cricket matches adjusted to remain socially distanced

- COVID-19 adaptations for adult cricket
- COVID-19 adaptations for junior cricket
- Shorter formats - to allow more matches to take place
- All ground maintenance
- Outdoor facility usage
- Restricted use of hospitality in line with government guidelines
- Indoor facility usage in line with government guidelines


STEP
5

Unrestricted
Date TBC

- All formats, leagues and competitions available
- Full facility usage

Moving to stage five would involve the removal of social distancing measures.



Stage 3

Use of outside facilities for nets and small group practice.

- Group cricket activity of up to six is permitted at 2m social distance.
- Coaching can take place on a 1 coach to 5 people ratio (must be a first aider present).
- Coaches must be qualified, with ECB safeguarding requirements & can only lead one group.
- Multiple groups of six can train at the same time provided they are kept separate & the club have risk assessed capacity of the club.
- Club must have a booking system for sessions, a risk assessment in place, follow ECB guidance, have a first aid kit available and an appointed person on site.
- Clubhouse and Changing rooms not to be used unless for access to toilets.
- Clubs to follow the UK Government guidance for providing takeaway food and drink.





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MOVING TO STEP 4

To move to the next step cricket need two things

ECB's ambition is to get meaningful cricket played as soon as is safe to do so

1

Team sport matches
permitted by government
guidance

2

Increase in bubble size
to a number of people
that allows for a game to
be played e.g. 15 people

ECB are seeking special dispensation from government that as a socially distant team sport Cricket can move forward ahead of other team sports



PLAYING GUIDANCE

As ECB prepare to enter Stage 4

Key prescriptive Covid-19 gameplay adaptations will be based on:

- 1 Social distancing requirements
 - Currently 2m, 1m from 4th July
 - Impact on close in fielders & umpire positions
- 2 Hygiene protocols
 - Treatment of the ball

Guidance will also cover recommended adaptations for Covid-19 such as prioritising shorter formats to maximise the playing opportunities available.

As Government guidance & guidelines change, naturally ECB have will to update their guidance accordingly.



PLAYING GUIDANCE

As we prepare to enter Stage 4

It is ECB's ambition to return to competitive 11 vs 11 cricket as soon as possible. This will require:

- 1** Special dispensation
- 2** Increase in bubble size



HYPOTHETICAL TIMELINE OF RETURN TO PLAY

Fully dependent on Government Guidance

Government Guidance:

Stating an increase in group size or special dispensation

Lead Time:

Needed to provide updated playing guidance and FAQs

Clubs opening up:

Time variation in response to guidance



Scenario 1



Scenario 2



Scenario 3



NB: Hypothetical timeline only. Dates remain unknown

ECB Guidance lead time is based on the time frame it has taken for DCMS to approve other guidance docs .

What is happening now?

- ECB guidance has been submitted to DCMS and is awaiting approval before it can be sent to clubs - see next slide
- Club and player surveys
- Cross county liaison and for consistency across WEPL pyramid
- Working with Senior and Junior Leagues to be able to provide a match play programme for those clubs who can enter.
- Gathering information from women's and girls' sections to prepare a revised fixture schedule
- Reviewing feasibility of SCB KO Cups and U19T20



ECB Guidance

- Duty of Care- Risk Assessment
- Preparing Grounds – Pitches, Outfields, Covers, Sightscreens
- Managing People
- Preparing Buildings- Full Clean, Routine Maintenance, Water System to avoid legionnaires- <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/legionella-risks-during-coronavirus-outbreak.htm>
- Social and Hospitality- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/restaurants-offering-takeaway-or-delivery>
- PPE and First Aid- First Aid provision is required- <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/> , Hand sanitiser will help avert queues for wash basins.
- Templates to be available
- Clubs should not open until they are ready to do so



Survey Responses so far..

Club returns:

- 85% of clubs have Keeping People Safe & being Covid Secure as their main concern
- 30% of clubs need 3 weeks or more to have a pitch ready to play
- Teams playing on a Saturday likely to drop 20%
- 30% increase in clubs wanting to play a game on a Sunday
- 60% of clubs would like to play in September
- 20% drop in junior teams
- Clubs are keen to play junior cricket and are happy to be flexible with formats, times and days



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Player responses:

- 80% of players will play as soon as they are allowed to
- 68% of these players are prepared to travel 'normal' distances to matches
- Players are generally flexible in who they play and how many overs but they want it to be 11-a-side
- 16% are unsure of playing
 - Concerned for their health and that of others
 - What will the matchday look like?
- 47% of these players are prepared to travel 'normal' distances to matches
- 4% won't play this summer but 70% of these said they would return in 2021
- 85% of women will play as soon as possible
- Women and girls teams both flexible with any cricket activity



Your questions?

- Proposed timelines.
- Information on formats/playing conditions/adapted rules.
- How to manage travel to away games whilst maintaining social distancing (incl. access to cars).
- If clubs can play with socially distanced rules, including changing rooms, and each player has anti bac gel when fielding/or fields in rubber gloves, can clubs begin to play friendly cricket sooner?
- Pre field entry requirements (what the club needs to provide).
- Regulations both on and off the field (incl. how to keep the ball safe).
- Minimum standards of hygiene during and after game (incl. toilets).
- Likelihood of clubhouse/bar opening, and procedures needed so we can prepare.
- Nets, what constitutes a coach (i.e. CSW or Level 1 OK to run a 1 to 5 session OR is it Level 2 and above)?
- All Stars and Dynamos (dates).

