



# COVID-19 Update

## Cricket clubs and leagues

Dear all,

Further to the National Competition and National Programme update shared earlier in the week, please find below the latest COVID-19 bulletin.

### **Recreational Game Update in England and Wales**

#### **English Guidance**

Following the latest Government guidance on the easing of lockdown in England, please find [here](#) the ECB statement on recreational cricket in England.

#### **Welsh Guidance**

With the changing situation across the country, we have now issued updated guidance for cricket activity in Wales. The adjusted lockdown restrictions in Wales provide an opportunity for the use of outdoor cricket facilities (nets and pitches) for the purpose of undertaking exercise. To read the full guidance please click [here](#).

### **Boosting your clubs short-term income**



Social media provides grassroots clubs with more ways to engage with their members and communities than ever, here are some tips to help generate additional funding from the NatWest Club Cricket Finance Guide.

- Online quiz evenings - FaceTime, Skype, Zoom – there are loads of ways to connect with your supporters and host a quiz right now! Set up a JustGiving page and ask members to donate to take part
- Online auctions – If you or your club members have a number of auction items or prizes that might generate some extra cash for the club, consider an online auction such as [jumblebee.co.uk](http://jumblebee.co.uk)
- Grants & funding – There are also a number of grants available for grassroots clubs at the moment, check out the Guide for links and the ECB's scheme [here](#)

## **#Raisethebat**

The England Men's Test series against the West Indies will honour heroic cricketing key workers and be named the #RaiseTheBat Test Series.

Marking the return of international cricket, the three-Test series taking place behind closed doors will honour and celebrate heroes within the cricket family, many of whom have been playing the innings of their lives to support those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more [here](#).

## **#Designourshirt competition**

We've launched a competition asking children to design our England shirt, with the winning entry being produced as a one-off shirt for the winner. To decide the winning entry, we have a panel of judges including three England players, so for a chance to win, all they will need to do is impress Mark Wood, Danni Wyatt and Angus Brown with their design skills!

To enter, please click the link [here](#). Entries close at 11.59am on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Terms and Conditions apply. Entrants must be aged 16 or under and resident in England or Wales. Entrants need written consent from their parent or legal guardian to enter the Competition.

## **The Cricket Charity Portable Defibrillators Fund**

Most of you will be aware of the joint venture between the ECB and The Club Cricket Charity for the supply and distribution of portable defibrillators at a heavily discounted rate. Launched in 2015, the scheme has developed with over 200 units in clubs and teams around the Country.

Now in its fifth year however, The Club Cricket Charity is announcing an increase to the prices of the units it offers, with the current offers ending on 15th July. Clubs and teams interested, should enquire and place an order with Donna Black by emailing [here](#).

## **FAQs for groups of six**

Following the update regarding groups of six, we hope that the below four questions and answers provide further clarity on some outstanding uncertainties.

**Q. Can ECB provide more coaching ideas taking into account the new guidance? i.e. 'what activities should/can we do?'**

A. The Coaches association have provided content and will be uploading further to iCoachcricket.

**Q. Can ECB provide guidance on clubs providing take away food and drink?**

The current UK government guidance for sports facilities is:

- Bars and restaurants, including any food or drink facilities inside a clubhouse must remain closed until further notice. Take-away services can be offered, but any hot or cold food must be consumed off the premises. Read more [here](#).
- Clubs should take measures to ensure social distancing guidelines are observed on their premises at all times.

Please note, this is not the case in Wales where all hospitality venues should remain closed.

**Q. If an instance of a club not adhering to ECB guidance comes to light (e.g. by club social media post), what action (if any) should be taken and by whom?**

A. Contact the relevant county board who will follow up with the club.

**Q. How do insurance, coaching ratios and other Clubmark requirements intersect with the new guidance? E.g. do we need a qualified coach for a group of 5 children? Does the supervising person need to be DBS checked?**

A. All Clubmark requirements stand but precedence should be given to COVID-19 restrictions.

## **Google Digital Garage**

The first two Google Digital Garages sessions have now run and we've had some great feedback since. A reminder that the remaining session will run as follows:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 09:30 – [Register here](#)** Get Your Business Visible on Google - Learn how to increase your visibility to reach more people online.

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