

Dear Clubs and Leagues of Somerset,

Updated Guidance on Cricket at Stage 2

The ECB has issued updated guidance on the return of recreational cricket in England from Monday as part of their [Clubs & League Update on 10th April](#)

This guidance is for organised cricket in England only at Step 2 of the [Government Roadmap out of Lockdown](#) from 12 April 2021 until progression to Step 3 is confirmed by the UK Government (no earlier than 17 May 2021). It is based upon UK Government Guidance for recreational sport [available here](#).

What has changed under Step 2 (12th April)?

- The activities permissible through organised outdoor cricket activity remain the same as 29th March and therefore existing guidance should be followed.
- The main changes for cricket relate to outdoor hospitality which is now permissible subject to following government guidance. The full guidance can be found [here](#).

Whilst spectators are still not permissible, ECB have updated our FAQ's to explain what the exemptions are for parents, guests/patrons using your venue for hospitality purposes and what this means if your ground is located within a public open space. Please ensure you read the FAQ's and full guidance carefully and communicate appropriately to your members. Whilst Government permissions change from 12th April you will still need to complete an updated Risk Assessment and should only move to the next stage if and when you are ready to do so.

ECB have updated their COVID-19 pages with improved links from the [website](#) and updated FAQ's - mainly on travel, parents and spectators and this is also appears at <https://somersetcricketboard.co.uk/ecb-recreational-guidance-step-2/> with updated Risk Assessment Templates & Checklists.

It is important that as club you take time to understand the guidance and put in the required measures as Cricket have a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our communities by ensuring compliance with the latest Government guidance.

ECB update in relation to DBS verifications

From Monday 12th April DBS Verification returns to Face to Face and club verifiers will be allowed to complete the process again.

For more info visit: <https://somersetcricketboard.co.uk/ecb-update-in-relation-to-dbs-verifications/>

Covid-19 restart grant

The new Restart Grant and Additional Restart Grant schemes launch on the 16th April 2021

The Government announced as part of the budget that there will be a new "Restart Grant" for small businesses in England. Launching in April, the Restart Grant will replace the previous Local Restrictions Support Grant schemes (which closed for applications on 31 March 2021).

As with previous support government grant schemes, the grant is based on the **rateable value of the business premises**.

For more info: <https://somersetcricketboard.co.uk/covid-19-restart-grant/>

Staff changes at Somerset Cricket Board

It has been a busy couple of months for staff changes at Somerset Cricket Board. We are delighted to share information on five new members of staff who have been appointed to support our leagues, clubs and schools. We are also announcing the departure of our Executive Director, Andy Fairbairn (pictured) who has accepted a role with the ECB.

For more info visit: <https://somersetcricketboard.co.uk/staff-changes-at-somer-set-cricket-board/>

Kind Regards



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