



WPC CRICKET

WPC Cricket Club - COVID-19 Safety Plan

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Aim: The purpose of this plan is to outline the Club's plan for a safe return to training and playing cricket in light of the COVID-19 situation. It is intended to guide the Management Committee, Cricket Operations (including managers and coaches), Players and Volunteers on their roles and responsibilities; measures in place plus the procedures to be followed to ensure the Club is adhering to Government guidelines and best practice and Industry plans plus following recommendations by Cricket Australia/Queensland Cricket.

General Principles to be adhered to:

WPC Cricket Club has adopted the Industry [COVID Safe Plan for Field Sport](#) as well as establishing a [WPC COVID Safe Plan](#).

Cricket Australia have provided a checklist which provides a good overview of the key principles in place to ensure a safe return to training and playing cricket. These include:

- No sharing of equipment
- Strictly no contact
- Physical distancing
- Members understand Return to Playing protocols
- Hygiene protocols are in place
- Plan for the safe entry and exit of people from matches
- No shining of ball with sweat or saliva

Roles & Responsibilities:

Management Committee:

- Adequate signage as prepared by the Queensland Government will be placed around venues as visual reminders of measures that must be adhered to. This includes venue entry/exit points, toilets, cricket nets
- A COVID-19 Safety Co-ordinator has been appointed – Elizabeth Franklin. The purpose of this is to be a contact point for members and assist with development and implementation of safety plans and guidelines.
- Ensure adequate hygiene supplies are provided and regular cleaning of facilities.
- Establish folders for each team kit which includes
 - [WPC Attendance Register](#)
 - [Return to Play COVID Handout for Teams](#)
 - [Training – Return to Play and Training Requirements](#)
 - [Industry COVID Safe Plan](#)
 - [Statement of Compliance](#)

- Regularly review processes in place to ensure compliance with requirements and update plans as required.

COVID-19 Safety Co-ordinator:

- Act as a point of contact for any member enquiries or concerns.
- Collate Register of Attendance on a weekly basis from all team Contacts.
- Assist in the preparation and review of safety plans and guides plus ensure required checklists are completed.

Cricket Operations (including team coaches, managers and captains):

- Ensure each team has a nominated COVID-19 contact to assist with compliance to the plan.
- A Register of Attendance must be maintained for each training session and match played. These are to be sent to the Safety Co-ordinator weekly.
- If any person attends training or a match and has any symptoms, they are to be sent home. Details must be noted and the Safety Co-ordinator must be notified.
- Ensure only 5 people are in training net at any given time (including coaches/other Club volunteers) and that social distancing measures are followed.
- Consider what surfaces are commonly used or touched during training or play and ensure these are cleaned with provided cleaning products. This includes: playing equipment, chairs, tables, keys, door handles, drink machine buttons.
- Remind players of the Return to Play principles included in the kit. ([WPC - Return to Play COVID Handout for Teams](#))

Players:

- Each player is to have their own playing equipment; there is to be no sharing of equipment. One exception is wicket keeping gloves particularly for junior matches. In this case, the gloves are to be wiped down and hands washed (with soap or hand sanitiser) before new player uses them.
- No shining of ball using saliva or sweat.
- Make use of hand-washing facilities or sanitisers before and after play plus during any breaks
- If unwell, players must stay home – and seek medical attention if required.
- There is to be no physical contact, including handshaking or high-fives.
- Arrive ready to train or play and leave straight after.
- There is an expectation that players be willing to assist in the cleaning process and take responsibility for adhering to the guidelines and advice issued by Club plus local authorities (Government advice, AIS/Cricket Australia/Queensland Cricket).

Other Club Members/Volunteers/Spectators:

- Any Club member or volunteer attending WPC Cricket Club facilities must adhere to the Return to Play principles. There is an expectation that all attendees be willing to assist in the cleaning process and take responsibility for adhering to the guidelines and advice issued by Club plus local authorities (Government advice, AIS/Cricket Australia/Queensland Cricket).
- They will be required to complete the Register of Attendance and are requested to stay away if unwell or displaying any symptoms.

- Regular use of hand washing facilities/hand sanitiser is required and social distancing must be maintained.
- From 10 July 2020, up to 100 people can attend matches. It is expected that any spectators attending adhere to the points above and are requested not to attend if they are unwell. It is expected that they also complete the Register of Attendance and comply with sanitising and social distancing rules.
- Scorers are advised to bring their own pen/pencil and must be seated 1.5m apart; chairs and tables will need to be cleaned after use. Where possible, scoring should be done via the MyCricket app.

Cleaning & Sanitising

- A sanitisation station will be set up at each facility with hand sanitiser and posters/visual aids to promote good hand hygiene procedures.
- All surfaces including training equipment and gear will be cleaned and sanitised before, during and after games.
- Coaches will reinforce hygiene and cleaning measures, ensuring it is done regularly. Adequate supply of hand sanitiser and everyone to use it at the start of the activity, at any breaks in activity and at the end of the activity
- Keys – any keys that are distributed must remain with the keyholder. If keys need to be distributed to other members in the team, they must be sanitised and placed in a fresh envelope for handover.
- All surfaces and common areas must be cleaned after used with provided wipes and products. Any shared equipment (eg, balls, training cones) must be cleaned after use in each training session.

What to do for suspected cases

If any player or volunteer attends training and is unwell, they must be sent home. The COVID-19 Safety Co-ordinator is to be notified and records updated to reflect this. If someone attends a Club program and is symptomatic, they will be provided a mask and isolated until they can leave. The Co-ordinator must also be made aware of this.

Members are requested to notify the club if there is a confirmed diagnosis. Upon notifying the COVID-19 Safety Co-ordinator, they will liaise with public health authorities and notify Queensland Cricket and the Department of Housing and Public Works (Sport and Recreation). The WPC COVID-19 Safety Plan provides more detailed information on the procedures in the event of any break.

Sources of information:

- **AIS:**
 - <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/return-to-sport>
- **Cricket Australia/Queensland Cricket**
 - Industry COVID Safe Plan – Field Team Sports ([Industry-COVID-Safe-Plan-Field-Sports](#))
 - <https://www.qldcricket.com.au/covid-19-return-to-play>
- **Queensland Government**
 - <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport>