

# 2020 Season COVID Guidelines, Rules and Restrictions

## Information for Players:

### **If you are not well, please do not play!**

- Players are not to get changed at the ground. Come dressed ready to play
- Smoking will not occur during game play, as you cannot leave the physical field of play
- Pitchers are NOT to lick their fingers. Rosin bags will be provided from Round 2 for each designated pitcher.
- All batters are to wear batting gloves
- All bats & batting gloves are to be sanitised between at bats. The club will supply wipes and sanitiser
- Spitting or clearing of nasal excrete on the field of play is a breach of Public Health regulations and will result in immediate ejection from the game
- Players are to sit on designated, physically separate seats, within the player area – their equipment is to be located at their designated seat. You will be assigned a seat based on your batting order, and will be your seat for entire game
- In case of emergency (to leave the field, then re-enter) you must be witnessed to be sanitised by the umpire. This is to be taken seriously, and coaches will enforce this.
- Grounds will have SEPARATE and DISTINCT warmup areas for teams. These areas are for PLAYERS & TEAM MANAGER ONLY
- There will be no penalty for rubbing “dirt” from the home plate area on ones batting gloves during an at-bat
- Any batter “spitting” on their hands will be instructed to sanitise their hands in the offensive dugout
- Repeated infractions will be treated as time wasting and may lead to ejection from the game



## General Game Play Information:

### **DUGOUTS will ONLY be used for:**

- hand sanitisation station
- (1) team manager
- batter next to go to on-deck circle

Balls will be wiped over with disposable disinfectant cloths by the Umpire in Charge:

- at the completion of each half inning;
- on the return of a ball to the field of play; or
- when the Umpire in Charge believes that the ball has been in contact with saliva or nasal excrete

**Defensive players will sanitise their hands and glove on EACH occasion they enter the field of play to take up a fielding position:**

- The Umpire will not call “play” until they are satisfied that this has been completed
- An umpire on observing this will call “time” and instruct the pitcher to sanitise their hands in the defensive dugout – repeated infractions will be treated as time wasting and may lead to player ejection

**Deliberate and un-necessary breaches of physical distancing between any individuals will be subject to warning and/or ejection from the game**

### **Information for scorers –**

- Scorers are to maintain physical distance from each other – however, they are encouraged to be co-located for practicality and game management

### **Information for spectators –**

- Please follow social distancing guidelines, and follow instructions from the COVID Officers patrolling the field. Teams can be fined for breaches of social distancing, please keep this in mind.
- Ground will have SEPARATE and DISTINCT areas for (ideally with physical barriers):
  - Spectators
  - Players
  - Scorers

### **Information for Coaches -**

#### Plate Meeting

- Umpire to stand on plate
- Managers to stand on grass
- No physical contact
- Team sheets to be handed to umpire
- Game balls to be supplied to umpire – these will be sanitised before play starts

**Coaches: You are responsible for your players, please enforce the guidelines to keep the team, league and spectators safe.**