

RETURN TO CRICKET – COVID 19 RISK ASSESSMENT

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Prior to the game;

...All Ainsdale players and officials to be reminded in advance of current UK Government guidance. This is reinforced at the ground with signage.

...Travel to the game will, where possible, avoid public transport and minimize the need to car share

...The Changing Block will be open to allow access to the toilets and hand washing facilities but the changing area and showers will not be in use. Players will be expected to arrive changed or change outside.

...Players and officials should also be encouraged to limit the amount of time congregating at the game and arrive just before warm up

...Player seating areas will have been set up prior to the game with social distances adhered to. There will be signage in place recommending the seating is not moved.

...Hand sanitisation stations are provided and all will be encouraged to use them on arrival and during the game unless they are providing their own.

...Under current Government guidelines, spectators per se are not encouraged. However, persons enjoying the outdoor hospitality may watch the game. The bar franchise will be in control of this situation in line with their own comprehensive risk assessment.

During the game;

...The game is to be limited to a maximum of 30 players, coaches and officials.

...For all Ainsdale home games, a club representative will inform the opposition on arrival of the social distancing and sanitising measures in place. Once the game starts the Umpires and Captains will be in charge of this.

...Where possible equipment should not be shared

...No sweat or saliva should be applied to the ball at any time

...Bowlers are not to hand any personal items to the umpires during the game

...Hand sanitising should be undertaken during natural breaks in the game and at a minimum of 6 over intervals (or 20 minutes whichever is sooner). The fielding captain is responsible for the ball being sanitised at these breaks. Further hand sanitising is to be taken prior to food and drink being at the mid game interval. Ainsdale will not be providing teas and all players and officials will be encouraged to bring their own refreshments.

...The scoreboard at Ainsdale is electronically operated and requires no one inside therefore social distancing by the scorers can be observed.

After the game;

...All participants will be encouraged to sanitise their hands again after play

... The showers are not in use and players will be expected to remain in their playing attire or change outside

...Social distancing to be maintained. Under current Government guidelines the clubhouse is not open although the outside seating area is in use for hospitality in groups of no more than 6. Drinks can be ordered from your table either via table service or an App.

The clubhouse has undertaken its' own Covid 19 Risk Assessment prior to re-opening and a copy of this is on the notice board in the entrance.

...Any shared equipment (stumps, balls, table tops etc) will be sanitised after the game.