



**WA  
CRICKET**

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COVID-19 Guidelines

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## COVID-19 Policy Season 2021/22

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The following policy has been developed to assist community cricket associations, clubs and teams safely manage the sport within their affiliated clubs and competition, as well as setting out guidelines and policies that will apply during the season.

This policy outlines:

1. The requirements which **MUST** be implemented in full by each association and their affiliated clubs throughout the season; and
2. Guidelines on other matters which should be implemented.

This policy is intended to provide support to the cricket community, however the ongoing advice provided by State Government Chief Medical Officers and the Department of Health will be the ultimate authority on dealing with COVID-19 within each State and Territory.

To do our part in the fight against COVID-19, WA Cricket supports the Western Australian Government's SafeWA app and strongly encourages all members of the cricket community to get behind this initiative. The SafeWA app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store now.

The following information has been developed in response to a range of 'frequently asked questions' from stakeholders. These questions have stemmed from practical situations that are likely to arise throughout the upcoming season. In response, the guidelines provide a foundation from which community cricket associations and clubs can navigate safe match day and training scenarios for all participants.

This policy may be amended in the future to accommodate unforeseen scenarios which may be raised or as per the latest Cricket Australia, State or Federal Government and/or Health Department guidelines.

### **UPDATE: TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

In line with the WA Government directive, all clubs must maintain contact registers for WA Health Department COVID-19 contact tracing. If COVID-19 is detected in the WA community, contact registers help to protect us all by enabling the WA Health Contact Team to quickly identify and assist anyone that may have been exposed to COVID-19.

The SafeWA app provides venues with a digital contact register system. SafeWA is an efficient and safe way to record patron and visitor contact details where they can check-in, using the app. It works via an online contact register system that uses QR Codes for patrons and staff to scan to register their attendance. The SafeWA app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store now.

#### **Contact Tracing**

All clubs are required to collect the date, name, telephone number and arrival time of all patrons, staff, visitors and contractors that attend the premises of their clubrooms. This is not required for any children under the age of 16, however, adults accompanying such children are encouraged to register their details.

At satellite grounds without clubroom premises, there is no requirement to provide a SafeWA QR code, however it is considered good practice to do so. Should information be required for contact tracing purposes, other resources, such as MyCricket, scorebooks etc may be required to be submitted.

The contact register records must be kept for 28 days, and not used for any other purpose.

Instructions for **Clubs and Venues** on use of the app can be found [here](#).

Instructions for **Individuals** on use of the app can be found [here](#).



Use of the app by the clubs or individuals is not mandatory and clubs may choose to maintain a manual register for any patrons not utilising the app, however some form of record must be maintained for ALL patrons.

More information can be found on the WA Government website [here](#).

## **PART 1 – TRAINING AND MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE**

### **Regularly use alcohol-based hand sanitiser, especially after touching any equipment**

- Hand sanitiser should be available at the cricket facility.
- Players, umpires and volunteers are encouraged to carry their own hand sanitiser with them.

### **Avoid sharing products including**

- Drinks, towels, lip balm, sunscreen, chewing gum, lollies.

### **Physical contact**

- Do not shake hands or high-five. Fist or elbow bumps are widely acknowledged methods of greeting and congratulation.
- Do not apply saliva to any part of your hands (lick fingers etc).
- Where reasonable and practicable, maintain a physical distance of 1.5m.
- Do not engage in a team huddle.
- Do not spit or clear nasal passages.

### **Food & Drink**

- Players MUST provide and use their own drink bottle.
- Serving of morning or afternoon tea is permitted.
- Clubs and teams MUST adhere to WA Government COVID Safety Plan for Food Businesses & Licenced Premises' Hygiene Requirements. Available via the WA Government website [here](#)
- Once served, do not share food.
- All food handlers are advised to wear gloves while preparing & serving food at all times.

### **Drinks Breaks**

- There MUST be no sharing of cups for drinks breaks.
- Individual bottles or disposable cups advised.
- Teams should bring their own drink bottles which should be brought out at drinks breaks.
- If cups are to be reused, they MUST be washed up in warm soapy water after each use.
- There should be no sharing of open lolly bags or fruit boxes etc during drinks breaks (this does not affect serving of fruit etc at afternoon tea in accordance with this policy).

### **Cricket Equipment**

- Where practicable, do not share cricket equipment (batting, wicket keeping, helmets, catching mits etc.)
- It is understood that in some instances, sharing of equipment is unavoidable. In these circumstances, equipment should be sanitised using alcohol-based sanitiser before and after use. Where practicable, equipment should not be used by another person within 30 minutes of the previous use.
- After each training session or match all equipment should be sanitised using alcohol-based wipes.
- Players are permitted to take possession of each other's clothing, (*e.g. a player may hold another players hat, carry batting gloves or helmet*) or they may leave their equipment beyond the boundary edge.
- At the conclusion of each match, the home club are advised to sanitise the stumps and bails with an alcohol-based wipe.

### **Cricket Balls/Umpires**

- Saliva MUST not be applied to the ball under any circumstances.
- Sweat may be applied to the ball, but the sweat MUST only be taken from the shoulders down.
- Sweat from the neck, head or face MUST NOT be applied to the ball.
- As per the laws of cricket, umpires are to take possession of the ball at the fall of a wicket or at the end of a session or innings.
- Should the umpire(s) wish or need to inspect the ball, or conduct any repair work, they may do so personally.
- Umpires should not hold or take possession of any equipment of the players (includes hats, sunglasses, jumpers etc)



- Umpires are encouraged to take any precautions they feel necessary to keep themselves safe and clean (e.g. carry and regularly use hand sanitiser, use gloves when handling or sanitising the ball)
- Players and/or umpires may remake the stumps as necessary during play.

### **Scoring Matches (Recommendation)**

- When e-scoring, it is recommended that scoring is completed via an individual tablet. Ideally, only one scorer should use that device. Should another scorer be required to score, they should, where practicable use a separate device. If not achievable, the original device should be sanitised prior to the next user operating the device.
- Should a paper scorebook be required, ideally only one-person should utilise the book throughout the match. Should someone else be required to score, that person should supply their own pen/pencil. If another pen/pencil isn't available, the original pen/pencil should be sanitised prior to the next scorer using it.
- Where practicable scorers should adhere to physical distancing requirements (1.5m apart) when undertaking their duties.

### **Coin Toss**

- At the coin toss, umpires and captains should maintain physical distancing requirements (1.5m apart)
- The umpire should supply their own coin and be responsible for the toss of the coin, with the away captain to make a call. Alternatively, the home team captain may choose to bring their own coin, in which case, they may toss the coin.
- Physical team sheets should not be used. The team details should be uploaded into the MyCricket system with the umpires and captains sighting and agreeing the digital copy of the team sheet prior to the toss.

### **Training/Matches affected by COVID-19**

- Given the current climate facing the Australian community there may be instances where matches are affected by either a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. WA Chief Medical Officer's advice around specifics relating to testing and quarantine protocols **MUST** be complied with, and all confirmed/suspected cases reported to the WA Health Department.
- Any participant, or potential participant (player/official/coach/spectator) in a game or training **MUST** not attend or participate in training or a match if they have undergone a COVID-19 test during the seven days prior to the day's play or training and is awaiting their result or has tested positive to that COVID-19 test. If a participant develops any symptoms outside of match/training participation, the person must not attend training or match day and the club officials must be informed immediately.
- Any decision as to the result of a match shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the governing association in which the match took place or was scheduled to take place.

**NEXT REVIEW DUE: MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 2021**

