

Ropley Cricket Club

Ropley Cricket Club (RCC) welcomes you to Ropley recreational ground to partake in the game of cricket.

The pavilion, recreational ground and facilities are public use areas and will also be used by members of the public and managed by multiple organisations.

In order for RCC to return to cricket as of 11 Jul 2020 the **Guidance Notes & Risk Assessment including specific ECB / Sport England guidance relating to clubs returning to cricket (in conjunction with Government guidance) as of Jul 2020 COVID-19 plan for junior & open-age cricket applicable to players, volunteers, spectators, parents, clubs, coaches & officials in England** should be adhered to by home and visiting participants.

The below details the requirements and procedures set out:

Prior to all cricket activity.

All participants (players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators) should check for symptoms of COVID-19. In line with current UK Government Guidance, if an individual is symptomatic and/or living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection they should remain at home and follow UK Government guidance. In addition, any participants who have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace, because they are a contact of a known COVID-19 case, must not exercise outside their home or garden and must not exercise with others.

Participants should follow UK Government guidance on shielding and protecting people, who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 if it applies to them. Participants should comply with all public health restrictions and avoid high risk behaviour outside the sports setting to reduce the risk to their fellow participants when they do attend a cricket club or venue.

Personal hygiene measures should be carried out at home before and after cricket activity.

Participants should bring their own hand sanitiser where possible and maintain strict and frequent hand hygiene measures at all times.

Participants should follow UK Government guidance on best practice for travel, including minimising the use of public transport and limiting car sharing.

Participants should arrive changed and ready to begin the warm-up, if possible.

The changing rooms within the pavilion will NOT be available throughout the fixture.

A system has been put in place for the use of ONE toilet. This is for the use of match participants only and the guidance that is displayed must be adhered to.

An area outside and away from the pavilion will be set up for both home and away participants. All players should minimise congregating around the pavilion.

Participants of the match should actively encourage any members of public / visitors, who are watching to use the full expanse of the recreational ground rather than congregating around the participant's area and pavilion.

Club representatives should make all participants aware of the increase in transmission risk associated with partaking in even socially distanced group activity and should ensure that all participants are clear that they are opting to participate in cricket activity.

Both home and travelling participants are to provide their details (full name and contact number) for track and trace. It is requested this is in electronic format and submitted to the RCC point of contact.

During all cricket activity 11-a-side:

Participants should enter the site and prepare their personal equipment whilst maintaining social distancing.

Where possible players should limit sharing of equipment. If they do, they must practise strict hand hygiene before and after use and the equipment must be cleaned before use by another person.

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

All participants should sanitise their hands prior to the start of the activity.

Hand sanitiser should be used at all breaks in activity and prior to consuming any food or drinks.

Players should refrain from spitting or rinsing out their mouths.

Individuals should bring their own food and drink for 'teas' or practice. Water bottles or other refreshment containers should not be shared.

A limited amount of time, circa 15 minutes, will be taken between innings for participants to consume their food and rehydrate. The pavilion will NOT be available for preparation of food etc. and the consumption of teas.

Advice for socially distanced match-play

Players should adhere to UK Government social distancing guidance at all times (including throughout warm-ups) except in the following limited circumstances during competitive play in England only, where 1m+ is permitted:

- 1) Wicket keepers standing up to the stumps.
- 2) Distance between slip fielders.

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

A 'hygiene break' should take place every six overs or every 20 minutes, whichever is sooner, in which the ball is cleaned with an anti-bacterial wipe (conforming to BS EN 14476) and all participants' hands are cleaned using a suitable sanitiser. This routine should also be followed at the start of any drinks break or the close of an innings. The responsibility for sanitising the ball during the match will lie with the fielding captain, not the umpire.

Batters to sanitise their bat when leaving the field of play and Wicket Keepers should sanitise their gloves.

Bowlers should not hand any personal items to the umpire. Bowlers should place these items at the boundary themselves.

Batters are to run in distinct running lines to ensure they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter. Lines to be marked on the square on either side of the wicket.

Scorers - Social distancing must be maintained. **Two areas will be set up for two scorers. Match participants are not to enter this area unless conducting scoring duties. Each participant is requested to assist police this procedure.**

Communal scorebooks passed from one player to another should be avoided.

The electronic scoreboard console should be sanitised when this duty is transferred from one scorer to another.

Social distancing must always be maintained including during post-wicket celebrations, drinks breaks and tactical discussions.

Minimise sharing of the ball in a match by limiting contact as the ball makes its way back to the bowler e.g. ball goes straight from wicketkeeper to bowler instead of around surrounding fielders.

Spectators should remain socially distanced at all times and refrain from all contact with the ball e.g. returning it to the field of play. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider UK Government guidance.

All match participants are requested to assist in passing this information amongst members of public / spectators in the vicinity.

Umpires should refrain from any contact with the ball, it can be returned to the base of the stumps at breaks and wickets.

Umpires should be responsible for the stumps closest to them and should be the only person replacing the bails if dislodged.

Advice for Special Occurrences e.g. rain. In the event of rain, participants should return to their own vehicle to maintain social distancing. Application of covers in the event of wet weather should be done whilst maintaining social distancing.

After all cricket activity.

All participants should sanitise their hands after the completion of activity.

Participants should exit whilst maintaining social distancing.

One club representative/volunteer should be responsible for collecting and disinfecting any shared equipment.

Regular cleaning of equipment and the facility should take place, particularly between one group finishing, and the next group starting.

Match participants cannot exceed 30 people. Both teams are requested to ensure any person not considered as a participant utilise the full expanse of the recreational ground in order to minimise the amount of people within the vicinity of the pavilion and participant areas.