



Ropley Cricket Club

This guidance is for organised cricket in England at Step 3 of the Government Roadmap out of Lockdown from 17 May 2021 until progression to Step 4 is confirmed by the UK Government (no earlier than 21 June 2021). It is based upon UK Government Guidance for recreational sport and Sport England guidance.

Ropley Cricket Club (RCC) welcomes you to Ropley recreational ground to partake in physical training activity, coaching sessions and/or match play with, on behalf of or against Ropley CC.

The pavilion, recreational ground and facilities are public use areas and will also be used by members of the public and are managed by multiple organisations including the Sports Pavilion committee, Ropley Parish Council (RPC) and East Hants District Council (EHDC).

In order for RCC to return to cricket as of 29 Mar 2021 the Guidance Notes & Risk Assessment including specific ECB / Sport England guidance relating to organised outdoor recreational cricket for England 2021 Version 3 Government Roadmap Step 3 17 May 2021 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 and maintain strict and frequent hand hygiene measures at all times.

Participants should follow UK Government guidance on best practice for travel.

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

Changing rooms can be used where it is safe to do so but subject to risk assessment and restrictions it is considered the **maximum of four participants are permitted in the changing rooms at any one time. Masks are to be worn at all times while within the Sports Pavilion (including changing rooms)**



Visitors are to be aware that these are areas of increased risk, that they should shower and change at home where possible, and those that do need to use changing rooms should minimise time spent inside.

A system has been put in place for the use of toilets within the Sports Pavilion. Detailed guidance is displayed and 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.

If participants are using the area for training (including nets & MUGA) the toilets will be made available.

Participants are to bring their own seating to be utilised in the designated areas. Participants 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.

Participants are to be aware of the increase in transmission risk associated with partaking in even socially distanced group activity and participants are opting to participate in cricket activity by their own choice.

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.

Artificial Cricket Practice Net Facilities:

Due to the continued requirement to manage and maintain player usage of the artificial cricket practice net facilities any use **must** be pre-booked via the Ropley CC booking system. This is managed by a central email address; ropleyccnets@gmail.com. A request is to be sent to this email stating;

- Name of player(s) requesting use of facility.
- Member(s) of RCC Yes / No.
- If 'No' to above – state name of member who is present during usage.
- If players are under 18 state the parent / guardian point of contact.
- Date / time facility required.

Use of the net facilities carries the same COVID-19 ECB / Sport England guidance relating to organised outdoor recreational cricket for England 2021 Version 1 Government Roadmap Step 1B Mar 2021 policies, including the requirements specified for Pre, during and after cricket activities.

Visiting Teams:

Visiting teams are kindly requested to refrain from utilising the net facilities unless prior agreement via the method stated above has been complied with.

During all cricket activity:

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 are not to spit or rinse 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 session and 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 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. For training sessions the responsibility lies with the coaching staff / responsible person(s).

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 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.

Participants should bring their own food and drink or where available purchase food and drinks in line with Government guidance on hospitality. Water bottles should be clearly marked with the owner's name and must not be shared.

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.

In accordance with Social Contact Rules At Step 3 clubs and venues should ensure that participants are aware of, and adhere to, legal gathering limits before and after sporting activities.



Social interaction before and after playing cricket can take place outdoors in groups of up to 30, and indoors in groups of up to 6 people or as a group of two households.

Spectators are now permitted at organised sport activities. Outdoors, this can be in groups of up to 30, maintaining social distancing.

Protect yourself and others from the spread COVID-19

You can reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 by taking some simple precautions:

- Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others.
- Avoid going to crowded places.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately and wash your hands.
- Stay home and self-isolate even with minor symptoms such as cough, headache, mild fever, until you recover.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention.
- Keep up to date on the latest information from trusted sources.