



COMMUNITY CRICKET COVID-19 PLAN

SEASON 2021/22

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ASSOCIATION / CLUB COVID-19 PLAN & RESOURCES

All organisations in Victoria need to have in place a COVID-19 plan. Cricket Victoria ("CV") has developed this COVID-19 plan so that Associations & clubs can easily adopt as their own. Associations and clubs however can develop their own. Most councils in Victoria are accepting of the CV plan as suitable for cricket to operate in a COVID-19 safe manner. Other councils may require clubs to complete additional information.

The plan includes details of key actions clubs need to take plus useful guides and links to various organisations for more information / resources as required. It will be updated based on the latest information from the [State Government](#) and the latest version will remain on the [home page of the CV website](#) and also be housed on the [COVID-19 section of the CV website](#). This COVID-19 section includes various resources for club use including:

- Training & match day guides
- Guide to both free and at cost resources – including posters, signage, hygiene products
- Links to various recently conducted COVID-19 related webinars
- 40+ frequently asked questions

The following guidance is general in nature and should not be relied upon as legal advice or a comprehensive statement of obligations.

While all care has been used in preparation of this guide to the date below, information and guidance is changing rapidly.

Associations & Clubs should remain vigilant and ensure that they familiarise themselves with the latest COVID-19 advice from DHHS, Sport & Recreation Victoria, Cricket Victoria, your local council and other relevant authorities and obtain advice where necessary for your specific circumstances. If in doubt, check first.

HOW TO USE THIS COVID-19 PLAN

1. Read all elements of the plan to understand the detail contained. Seek clarity if required from your local CV representative, Association or council contact
2. Include the Club / Association details on the editable pages (Front Cover and page 4) and have the Club / Association formally endorse the plan at the next available opportunity. N.B.: If the previous Plan has already been approved, it is recommended that the new Plan be approved to replace it. (Key changes are noted below)
3. Make sure the committee, coaches, officials and players are fully aware of the plan. Promote it widely – including to members, parents, local council, sponsors etc. – via your website, social media, newsletter, on-line meetings etc.
4. Review and consider use of the various [COVID-19 resources available on the CV website](#) – see below.
5. Stay updated on the latest advice and any changes via CV, DHHS and your local council. Changes announced from the State Government will supersede any earlier contrary information provided in this document. Where significant changes are made, an updated editable version will be released.

KEY CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS VERSION

Previous Version November 23 2020

The most significant changes to the previous plan include:

- Update to information and links regarding the latest informations from the Victorian State Government.

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 RESOURCES

The Cricket Victoria website has a range of current resources for Association / Club consideration. These are updated regularly based on the latest advice from Department of Health / SRV.

These resources include:

Training guide, match day guides, FAQs, hygiene and signage links, free downloadable posters, COVID-19 webinars, spectator poster, player commitment etc.

Associations and Clubs can use the CV resources or develop their own – ensuring that any Association and Club developed resources meet the latest requirements from Department of Health / SRV.

OVERVIEW

As a club we are fully committed to providing a safe environment for members of our club (volunteers, players, families, spectators) and the wider community and are committed to providing quality practices in line with guidance available from Sport Australia, Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria, our local council, the Victorian State Government / Department of Health & Human Services and other relevant authorities applicable to our club. We acknowledge that Cricket in a pandemic is a privilege, not a right. We all need to ensure we are all doing the right thing to ensure the safety of players, volunteers, officials and the local community.

We acknowledge that we commit to adhering to the latest advice from Cricket Victoria, the Victorian State Government and the Department of Health to ensure cricket activities are conducted in a COVID-19 safe manner.

It is important for Cricket Associations and Clubs to lead and promote a strong culture of COVID-19 safety for the health and wellbeing of participants and the broader community as any breaches could have ramifications for members of the community and the continuation of the season.

COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUBS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN:

- Reducing the spread of COVID-19;
- Promoting good hygiene practices amongst players and officials;
- Adhering and promoting the State Government Requirements around social distancing, and gatherings; and
- Following the clear protocols and requirements around returning to train & play.

Associations and Clubs affiliated through to Cricket Victoria agree to be respectful in adhering to the protocols outlined as part of the Return to Train & Play Guidelines as they form part of the current Government directions, and strong cricket sanctions can be applied to individuals and to clubs if they are in breach, in addition to any penalties applied by Government authorities.

COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUBS COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING TO ALLOW COMMUNITY CRICKET TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT

1. Nominate **at least one** COVID Safety Officer who may seek to undertake the free [Australian Government online COVID-19 Infection Control Training](#) prior to recommencement of Club activity. We will have multiple people take ownership of this role and share the responsibility.
2. Download and display the [Service Victoria Contact Tracing Check-in](#) for each of the club's venues/facilities to ensure attendees are able to comply with requirements for all club activities.
3. Comply with Liquor Licence and COVID-19 specific food service requirements. Sporting clubs that operate a café, canteen or bar within its facility, must strictly adhere to the restrictions on hospitality venues. Detailed guidelines of these requirements are available via the [Victorian State Government Coronavirus website](#). Clubs must also comply with their liquor licence requirements (i.e. service times, red line plan, booth licence, etc.).
4. Adhere to the latest training and match day protocols – accessible via the [CV website](#).

Signed on behalf of the Club / Association

Signature:

Name:

Position:

Date:

2021/22 COVID-19 SAFETY OFFICER PLANNING

The impacts of COVID-19 are well-known and community sport is not immune from the impacts for multiple reasons. In addition to the potential personal health, wellbeing and financial impacts for players, officials and volunteers, the financial impacts on all clubs and associations will be real and potentially significant. Additionally, how clubs and associations navigate the complexities surrounding return to train and play protocols will remain a factor that clubs and associations will need to consider for 2021/22.

The following is a guide to assist clubs and associations manage the requirements:

WHO

- It is strongly advised that clubs and associations identify the oversight for COVID-19 compliance to a designated person who takes the lead to help the club and association navigate the requirements; and
- In addition, it is advisable to have a representative from each team (Coach, Captain, Team Manager or Scorer) designated as support representatives - noting a single person can't manage it all.

WHAT

Priorities for the allocated club and association rep ("COVID-19 officers") include:

1. Consideration of undertaking the free up to 30-minute general [on-line Infection Control – COVID-19 training](#).
2. Ensure that the club has an endorsed COVID-19 plan in place that is supported by the council.
3. Familiarise themselves with the latest CV Return to Train, Match Day guidelines & FAQs available on the [CV website](#) and other resources available including [State Government](#), [Cricket Australia](#).
Any questions should first be checked:
 - a. Cricket Club facility usage: Facility Manager contact (typically council)
 - b. Indoor facility for indoor training usage: Indoor Centre Manager
 - c. Match Day protocols: Local Association
4. Understand the reporting and communication requirements if a club member tests positive to COVID-19 (See FAQs on CV website for guidance)
5. Work closely with council & authorities on various aspects including:
 - a. Who is overseeing (& paying for) any additional cleaning costs?
 - i. If it is the club responsibility to oversee – what is required from the council (products to use, frequency, areas to clean). Ideally the club & council can meet on site to go through requirements before and after training / matches.
 - b. Can (or should) the rooms be opened – noting [industry restart hospitality guidelines](#) including the 'four and two square metre rule' and use of density signage?
 - c. Can the council assist with any funding for supply of cleaning products and signage?
 - d. Do the club plans comply with liquor licencing requirements or is a temporary licence variation required for outdoor consumption?
6. Ensure venue-specific [Service Victoria Contact Tracing Check-In Code](#) is available and all attendees scan the code as they arrive to a session/match/event.
7. Ensure the club has ample signage at matches / training and COVID-19 equipment. In addition to any products/signage that the council may be able to supply, gain support from the club to arrange for necessary signage and cleaning products – noting a range of free signage and at cost COVID-19 products are available via [Department of Health](#), [Cricket Victoria](#) and [Cricket Australia](#) or at local contacts that Associations and Clubs may have.
8. Ensure that all Committee, Coaches, Players, Parents and Volunteers are fully aware of the training and match day protocols through early and regular communication via all available means – e.g. "zoom" meeting session, website, social media, 'walk-through' on the first training session etc.