

HEALTH SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This document is based on the French Cricket Association plan, which presents a series of measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. It is intended for managers and supervisors as well as for all practitioners in the clubs in order to support them during the recovery under optimal safety conditions and is part of the health doctrine enacted by the International Cricket Council (ICC), the French ministries of health and sports. The FC plan will be regularly reassessed and if necessary readjusted in the light of the evolution of the situation, always with a priority concern for the protection of all our audiences.



General measures and prior to all activities

Each club is invited to put in place a mechanism to welcome players in complete safety. Where possible this should include taking the temperature of all those attending the match.

Legal conditions for resuming activity:

Information on barrier gestures must be clearly accessible to all practitioners. The same applies to the documented health instructions which will be displayed on all sites.

Organizational recommendation for resumption of activity:

It is recommended that clubs designate a COVID-19 manager who will be the point of contact to inform any attendee on issues relating to resumption of activity as part of the release from confinement.

Depending on the size and means of the club, the COVID-19 manager may either be questioned on site because with a physical presence, or be available by any appropriate means of communication.

Sanitary conditions for resuming activity:

In all circumstances,

- the minimum distance rule of 2 meters between people must be respected
- the wearing of a mask is compulsory by any person present on the grounds except those on the field of play.
- clubs must keep a register of those present. The Team Lists will aid this requirement.
- Complete cleaning of accessible areas of clubs is recommended before their opening and, as far as possible, disinfection of sanitary facilities open to attendees and of the main points of contact is carried out at least once a day.
- Preserving the good health of clubs must also be understood as an act of good citizenship and responsibility shared by all, and not only rest as the sole responsibility of the leaders.
- Each and every one must take care to contribute to the good maintenance of the club (tidying up and cleaning of the grounds and the equipment, regular washing of the hands before, during and after the trainings and matches to limit the risks of contamination).
- Clubs should ask players to bring their own hydro-alcoholic gel and to maintain their equipment.
- Players must arrive in cricket attire (changing rooms to be closed until further notice).
- Players must only use their personal equipment, Shared equipment should be disinfected after each and every use. Players must wash their hands after cleaning the equipment.
- The players must imperatively clean the bench or their chair before and after the match with a detergent-disinfectant product and disposable paper. They throw the paper in the trash, wash their hands.

- The usual rules of minimum social distancing of 2 meters must be observed. Chairs or benches should be 2 meters apart.

Rules for resuming matches

Before the match - Players, scorers, umpires and supporters;

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, do not go to the match venue but go and get tested.
- Make sure you bring your own mask, hydro-alcoholic hand gel, and your food and drinks.
- When you arrive at the field, you will need to provide your name and contact details.
- The club responsible for the field must ensure the implementation and respect of all health directives.
- All the necessary equipment on the field must be disinfected by the club responsible for the field.
- All players and umpires have the obligation to wash / disinfect their hands before the start of match and during hygienic breaks.

During the toss

The captains must be informed of their responsibilities for leading their team during the match:

- Only the umpire is to touch the coin
- No application of saliva to the ball is permitted.
- Players must maintain social distancing at all times.
- It is forbidden to remake the wicket once the ball is dead, it is the umpires role.
- Players must ensure that all drinks, other accessories should be placed at least 1m from the edge of the boundary when possible.
- Hygiene breaks will take place every 5 overs, or after each elimination to restart the match.
- At each break, it will be the responsibility of the field captain to disinfect the ball before play is restarted

THE UMPIRES

Umpires must remain socially distant from others at all times and in particular:

- During the toss.
- When interacting with players.
- During an interval or a break in the game.
- The umpires will ensure that all players maintain social distance during the match and in particular, when players face each other, discuss tactics, take refreshments or celebrate the fall of a wicket.

- The umpires will not deliberately touch the ball during play.
- The umpires will not pick up the ball when a wicket falls or at any break; instead, the ball will be returned to the base of the wickets.
- Only the umpires must reposition the bails and reset the wicket, including after an attempted run-out or stumping.
- The umpires will not provide cloths to dry the ball for the bowlers.
- At each break it will be the responsibility of the fielding captain to disinfect the ball before play is restarted. The umpires will have to watch for this and manage these breaks while waiting for the end of an over or for the fall of a wicket.
- The umpires must disinfect their hands at each drink break or innings and after each contact with the scorers or spectators.
- Personal effects (sweater, glasses, caps...) must not be given to the umpires. The players will have to place them themselves beyond the edge of the field.
- Scientific research has shown that there is minimal risk of infection when the bowler briefly passes in front of the umpires, so there is no need for the umpire at the bowler's end to change his normal position or stand.
- Bowlers who return to their mark must maintain social distancing when passing in front of the umpires.
- Bowlers need to maintain social distance when making appeals.
- In case of rain, the umpires must return to their own vehicle if there is not enough shelter to maintain their social distance.

