



RETURN TO PLAY

KEEP COVID SAFE



COVID-19 CHECKLIST FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

CURRENT AS AT 16 OCTOBER 2020

This checklist has been developed to support schools return to play cricket under the Government of South Australia COVID-19 restrictions. Please follow the principle of '**KEEP COVID SAFE**'.

- COVID-SAFE PLAN**
SACA has created a COVID Safe Plan for the SACA Primary School Competition and a copy of this plan has been provided electronically to all school coordinators and team coaches. It is the responsibility of school coordinators and team coaches to ensure that a copy of this COVID Safe Plan is available at the venue during any training or match.
- NOMINATE YOUR TEAM'S COVID MARSHAL**
Each team in the SACA Primary School Competition must have a COVID Marshal. As there are fewer than 200 people at a match or event, the Nominated COVID Marshal may be a coach, team manager or parent/guardian present at a training session, game or meeting of team members and is responsible to ensure COVID-Safe protocols are followed. The COVID Marshal is required to:
- Complete the [COVID Marshal training](#).
 - Be identifiable, present and on duty during training and matches.
 - Take all reasonable action to ensure compliance of the COVID-Safe Plan and COVID-Safe guidelines.
 - Have a current Working With Children Check.
- COLD AND FLU SYMPTOMS**
If a person is feeling unwell or experiencing [symptoms](#), or if any of their close contacts (including but not limited to family and friends), are feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms, they must stay home.
- SHARING OF EQUIPMENT**
Players, coaches, volunteers and parents/guardians understand that it is recommended there is limited and well managed sharing of equipment including pads, gloves, protectors or helmets ([refer FAQ's](#)).
- NO SHARING OF FOOD OR DRINKS**
No sharing of cups, drinks or drinks containers. Players should bring their own water bottles. SACA recommends against any sharing of food or drink.
- NO PHYSICAL CONTACT**
No physical contact during matches. This includes high fives, shaking hands and other physical contact.
- PHYSICAL DISTANCING**
Where possible, all people observe physical distancing requirements of 1.5 metres.
- TEAM MEMBERS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS UNDERSTAND RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS**
Team members and parents/guardians have been advised of and understand all protocols and guidelines required.



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HYGIENE PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE

- Ensure alcohol-based hand sanitiser is available for all training and games and players are encouraged to use it regularly
- Players are to bring their own drink bottles and there is no sharing of drink bottles
- No spitting or clearing of nasal passages
- No physical contact
- Provide bins to allow tissues and other waste to be disposed quickly
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sneeze into your elbow rather than your hands

NO SHINING THE BALL WITH SALIVA OR SWEAT

Ensure players understand that they are not to shine the ball with saliva or sweat at any time.

ALLOCATED AREAS

Teams are to be separated on the sidelines.

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

The team members and parents/guardians understand that they must follow the direction and advice of Police, Local Government and their School and SACA.

The South Australian Cricket Association and Cricket Australia strongly recommend that all participants, coaches, volunteers and parents utilise the COVIDSafe app to trace the spread of COVID-19.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following scenarios have been developed in response to a range of 'frequently asked questions' from SA's school cricket community and are designed to assist team coaches and managers to provide a COVID safe environment for participants and spectators.

WHAT DO WE DO IF A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM TESTS POSITIVE TO COVID-19?

If a member of your team tests positive for COVID-19, all players, coaches, officials and volunteers who have been in contact with this individual will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. If you are feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms, you should stay home and seek medical advice immediately. If a member of your team tests positive for COVID-19 the Team Coach is required to notify the School and SACA immediately (through your SACA school contact or <mailto:sacareception@saca.com.au?subject=Notification: COVID-19>).

Given COVID-19 is external to cricket, and often no fault can be attributed to participants who are suspected of having or have a confirmed case of COVID-19, SACA recommends that any match impacted by COVID-19 would be determined as a draw.

ARE SPECTATORS ALLOWED TO ATTEND MATCHES?

Spectators are able to attend matches and trainings in line with current Government of SA requirements which can be accessed [here](#). Spectators must also understand and adhere to the Return to Play Protocols and physical distancing requirements alongside any other [COVID-19 restrictions](#).



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ARE WE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A CONTACT TRACING RECORD?

Contact Tracing Records do not need to be maintained for training sessions in outdoor nets or matches played outdoors.

As a point of clarification, a Contact Tracing Record is only required to be completed for all activities held indoors, including gatherings (as an example - a presentation function held indoors), training sessions when held in indoor facilities, and any matches played indoors (indoor cricket).

ARE WE REQUIRED TO HAVE A COVID MARSHAL AT EACH TRAINING / MATCH?

Yes, and this can be a coach, team manager or parent/guardian present at a training session, game or meeting of team members and is responsible to ensure COVID-Safe protocols are followed.

Please refer to SACA's Return to Cricket Protocol which can be accessed [here](#).

ARE PLAYERS ALLOWED TO SHARE PLAYING EQUIPMENT?

SACA recommends against the sharing of playing equipment and in particular helmets, gloves and pads as these can absorb sweat however, if a player has no other option but to share equipment, the following measures must be applied:

- Hands should be sanitised using hand sanitiser before and after handling equipment
- Shared equipment should be washed or wiped with antibacterial wipes or alcohol-based sanitiser prior to and after each time they are used. Shared equipment should also be rotated to minimise use. If possible, rest the equipment in the sunlight for at least 30 minutes between use.
- Participants should not share their personal playing equipment and should not leave their personal equipment on any common surfaces. Personal cricket kits should be arranged to permit physical distancing of participants (>1.5 metres).
- Participants must comply with personal hygiene protocols.

HOW DO WE MANAGE THE BALL IN MATCHES?

• CLEANING OF THE BALL

For best practice management of the cricket ball it is recommended that the ball is cleaned with an **antimicrobial** alcohol-based wipe (75% alcohol) at a drinks break or stoppage in play. This is to be completed by the team coach or match manager for school competition matches.

If antimicrobial alcohol-based wipes are not available it is strongly recommended that all players on the fielding team and the umpires sanitise their hands at each drinks break or stoppage in play.

• PLACING OF THE BALL AT THE TAKING OF A WICKET OR AT THE END OF A SESSION

At the taking of a wicket, or at a drinks break, the player who last fielded the ball will be responsible for placing it next to the stumps at the end of the pitch where the next ball/over will be bowled.

At the conclusion of the innings the umpire will return the ball to the team coach. Umpire(s) should sanitise their hands immediately after handling the ball.



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HOW DO WE MANAGE THE BALL AT TRAINING?

Players must clean the ball they use with an alcohol-based wipe before being used by another individual. Coaches and other players are encouraged not to handle the ball if practical and should clean their hands with a suitable sanitiser if doing so.

Balls that are shared at training (ie group fielding sessions) should be cleaned with alcohol-based wipes at the end of the fielding session. The person responsible for cleaning the balls should clean their hands with a suitable sanitiser following this process.

HOW DO WE HANDLE A PLAYER INTENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY PLACING SWEAT OR SALIVA ON THE BALL DURING A MATCH?

SACA recommends that at no stage should any participant place saliva or sweat on the cricket ball for any purpose. The team coaches must not allow the match to continue during any period after which saliva or sweat has been placed on the cricket ball, without cleaning the ball with an alcohol-based wipe.

It is the respective team coach's responsibility to ensure that this requirement is enforced.

SHOULD UMPIRES HOLD THE BOWLERS CAP, SUNGLASSES AND VEST?

No, at no stage should the Umpire be required to hold/handle the players' equipment during the match and it is recommended that bowlers leave their equipment behind their run up, or directly behind the wicketkeeper. If the ball strikes this equipment during play 5 penalty runs WILL NOT be awarded.

WHAT ABOUT THE WICKETKEEPER / FIELDERS HELMET?

There is no change from the normal playing conditions and laws of cricket around the storage of this equipment on the field. Should the ball strike this equipment during play, normal penalties shall apply.

It is to be noted that players are responsible for the carrying of their own equipment to and from the storage position.

WHAT DO THE SCORERS NEED TO CONSIDER?

To minimise additional contact there should ideally be only one-person utilising the book throughout the duration of the match. Should someone else be required to score, that person should either supply their own pen or the original pen must be sanitised prior to the next scorer using it.

Scorers shall adhere to physical distancing requirements (1.5m apart) at all times when undertaking their duties.

HOW DO WE MANAGE THE COIN TOSS?

Captains must maintain physical distancing requirements (1.5m) and supply their own coin and be responsible for the toss of the coin.

It is recommended that team coaches and team captains refrain from shaking hands.