

OCC GUIDANCE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS 2021

This guidance applies to matches played at OCC in Step 3 of the ECB's "Cricket's Return to Play in England – The Covid Response Roadmap (18th May 2021) and will be updated in the event of further guidance.

Pre-match

- **Symptoms:** If you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid 19 please DO NOT attend or at-tempt to play.
- Sanitiser: Bring your own sanitiser if possible. If not, sanitiser will be made available.
- **Refreshment:** Bring your own drinks. There will be drinks breaks during the game but no drinks will be provided. Similarly no food will provided unless purchased from the Club and consumed whilst seated at a table so you must make your own provision.
- **Arrival time:** do not arrive at where you are playing any more than 10 minutes before the agreed time your warm-up has been arranged.
- **Parking:** It is not possible for the Club to have a separate entrance and exit for vehicles. Please bear this in mind when arriving, parking and leaving.
- Changing rooms: These can now be used BUT: the two end changing rooms have a maximum capacity of 6 people at one time; the two nearer changing rooms have a maximum capacity of 5. No more than 2 people should use the showers at one time. Use of changing rooms/showers does carry an increased risk of infection and so players are encouraged to continue to avoid their use. Signage will be put up at entrances to confirm. Windows and doors should be kept OPEN when occupied to allow ventilation.
- Social distancing: When at the Club please maintain social distancing at all times.
- Transport: Sharing transport to matches is now permitted.





During the match

- **Sharing of equipment:** the guidance is that this should be avoided where possible and where not, strict hand hygiene practised.
- The ball: no sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time. Take steps to minimise the number of people who handle the ball when it is being returned to the bowler. Do not give the ball to the umpire at the fall of a wicket or at a break. Place it at the base of the stumps.
- The stumps: the umpire is responsible for the stumps at the start and end of the innings and when broken.
- **Bowlers**: umpires cannot hold any of your items when you are bowling. It is the player's responsibility to place them at the boundary.
- **Batters:** Should run on opposite sides of the wicket. Batters should be sanitise their bats after leaving the field of play.
- **Keepers:** should sanitise their gloves when leaving the field of play.
- Sanitising: all players should clean their hands before the start of play and during each break. Breaks are required every 6 overs when hands should be cleaned.
- **Social distancing:** this must be maintained at all times in particular after the fall of a wicket and during team talks.
- **Breaks in play:** in the event of rain or a break in play, players should wait in their cars, in the marquee or under the outdoor marquee. Use of changing rooms is permitted but discouraged.
- **Scorers:** scorers will sit in the player's gallery at distanced tables. The external door will be left open to ensure ventilation.
- **Groundstaff:** groundstaff will maintain social distancing from players and officials the handles (or parts touched in use) of any ground equipment that may be shared should be sanitised after use.
- Match manager: the Club will appoint a Match Manager/Match Managers for each home game. In the case of Junior games the Match Manager will be the Team Manager.
- **Umpiring:** if you are called on to umpire: do not handle the ball; do not handle any clothing from the bowler.



- **First Aid:** First Aid kits are situated in the kit shed (along with ice packs) and in the 1st XI changing room. All Junior Team Managers have First Aid kit. If First Aid is necessary it should be provided by a qualified 1st Aider: wear gloves and reduce contact to the minimum possible. Enter the incident in the Accident Book (to be found behind the bar). The qualified 1st Aiders in the adult teams are:
 - o 1st XI: Gary Knight, John Armstrong, Alex Rankin, Sam Marsh
 - o 2nd XI: Sam Hepke, Richard Brook
 - o 3rd XI: Mike Lawrenson, Scott Meredith

Post-match

- Shared equipment: if any equipment has been borrowed the Captain shall ensure it is cleaned before being returned or appoint someone to do so. Any used match balls should be returned to the Captain for cleaning. In the case of Junior matches, this responsibility shall fall to the Team Manager.
- Hospitality: subject to capacity participants are welcome to use the Club hospitality both inside
 and outside after the game observing the Rule of 6/2 household rule but must be seated. NO
 SEAT NO SERVICE.

