



# CRICKET SWITZERLAND

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## **Covid-19 protective measures - Recommendations for cricket clubs in Switzerland**

Within the framework of the decisions of 16 April 2020, the Federal Council instructed the DDPS to draw up a concept for relaxing measures in the entire sports sector. Among the overarching protective measures, a sport-specific concept is to be used to show how mass and competitive sport can be resumed if measures are complied with. On this basis, Cricket Switzerland requests that the following recommendations be examined with a view to the prompt resumption of training and sports activities.

### **Introduction**

Cricket is a hitting, catching and throwing sport without any physical contact. Nevertheless, Cricket Switzerland - in consultation with other European Cricket Federations - issues the following recommendations for the protection of players, coaches, officials and the game itself:

### **Current situation**

- The Federal Council has ordered measures by emergency law.
- Regulation 2 on measures to combat coronavirus (COVID-19) applies.
- Groups of more than 5 persons are prohibited.
- Minimum distance of two (2) metres or 10 square metres per person, no physical contact.
- In addition, the hygiene regulations of the FOPH apply.

### **Goals of Cricket Switzerland**

Cricket is played on a large field in the open air and without physical contact, which essentially ensures that the players have enough distance to each other or are sufficiently distant from each other.

The cricket rules and instructions correspond to the official requirements - the message to players and the public is as follows: "We are in solidarity, we follow the rules and we do not want any special rules. We behave in an exemplary manner, because only in this way will we be able to serve our cricket and practice our sport quickly and continuously".



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- For the clubs: setting simple rules, clear procedures and pragmatic, affordable solutions.
- For the players: Application of simple rules, clear procedures. The goal and purpose is the safety of the players and every player knows exactly what he has to pay attention to, what he is allowed to do and what he is not allowed to do.
- Please explain: "If more than 5 people meet in training mode, where social distancing cannot be maintained, the club should reorganize several groups".
- Athletes and coaches with symptoms of illness are not allowed to participate in training. They stay at home, respectively go into isolation. They call their family doctor and follow his instructions. The training group must be informed immediately about the symptoms of the illness.
- No matches/competitions are possible at the moment

## **Responsibility:**

Cricket Switzerland demands that the measures (see below) are enforced. Implementation is the responsibility of the clubs and operators of the facilities.

**These protective measures are continuously adapted and revised in line with the current COVID-19 Ordinance and the corresponding measures of the Federal Council. Cricket Switzerland relies on the solidarity and self-responsibility of all cricket authorities and players! The protection and health of those involved is always paramount. The guidelines apply to both training sessions and competitions.**

## **1. Guidelines for clubs**

- Open: ...training nets and pitches for training, playing field, toilets. For the time being, the game should only be played outside.
- Closed are: Clubhouses, pavilions, terraces, dressing rooms / showers.
- Basically the club is responsible for the compliance with the recommendations and guidelines.
- The recommendations and guidelines should be communicated to all club members by e-mail and / or paper, as well as via the club's website.
- Covid-19 responsible: Each club appoints a Covid-19 responsible person (steward) to ensure compliance with the guidelines.
- No matches/competitions are currently available



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## 2. Guidelines for training units and infrastructure / guidelines for training and teaching

- Persons with virus symptoms are excluded from any participation. They stay at home or are placed in isolation. They call their family doctor and follow his instructions. The training group must be informed immediately about the symptoms of the disease.
- People who belong to a risk group are not advised to participate.
- Training/instruction units with smaller groups (of max. five (5) persons) on training sites should be planned in advance to avoid dangerous situations.  
If there are more than 5 people in the training mode and social distancing cannot be maintained, the club should reorganize several groups.
- If more than 5 people meet in training mode and social distancing cannot be maintained, the club should reorganize several groups.
- Contact address / phone / email of each player must be available at the club.
- The BAG flyer "How we protect ourselves" is posted in all national languages.
- Player benches and chairs are to be placed at a minimum distance of 2 metres.
- Waste must be disposed of by everyone at home.
- It is recommended to avoid public transport if possible.
- If these measures cannot be fully complied with, no training sessions should take place.

## 3. Specific guidelines for all forms of play / operational guidelines

- Persons with virus symptoms will be excluded from any participation. People who belong to a risk group are advised not to participate.
- Contact address / telephone number / email of each participant / player must be available at Club.
- It is recommended to avoid public transport if possible.
- If more than 5 people meet in training mode and social distancing cannot be maintained, the club should reorganize several groups.
- Currently no matches/competitions are possible

## 4. Guidelines for players

- All players accept these guidelines (especially distance rules, hygiene measures, etc.). In case of disregard the player / whole team will be excluded from the facility.
- Athletes and coaches with symptoms of illness are not allowed to participate in training. They stay at home, respectively go into isolation. They call their family doctor and follow his instructions. The training group must be informed immediately about the symptoms of the illness.



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- In particular, sports-specific rituals such as high-fives, handshakes before and after the game and mutual hugging, specific celebrations, etc. are to be avoided. The referees are obliged to deduct points up to the interruption/interruption of the game if these requirements are not met to enforce (faulty team loses the game and corresponding points). The decision of the referee is final.
- The players use their own player equipment. If this is not possible, the equipment items must be disinfected before use. A cap should be worn under the helmet.
- Inner-gloves should also be worn under the gloves.
- The players do not exchange any items.
- If more than 5 people meet in training mode and the social distance cannot be maintained, the club should reorganize several groups.
- Currently no matches/competitions are possible.
- Field players should stand at least 5 meters apart from each other. The wicketkeeper must have at least 2 meters distance to the stumps before the ball is handed in and he may not be replaced (except in case of injury and only if the material is disinfected afterwards)
- The players have disinfectant with them / will be provided so that before and after the game especially the hands but also the equipment can be disinfected Clubs must also provide hand washing facilities.
- After each match, players must leave the pitch and the facilities to avoid crowds of people.
- Cricket balls should not be shared during warm-up and the match.
- Protective equipment should never be used reciprocally or alternately.
- No rubbing or other contact and/or saliva-specific treatment of the ball.
  
- Players / officials appear dressed for the game as the changing rooms are closed.
- Players / officials bring their own drinks.
- Discussions / meetings after the game are to be kept to a minimum, so that at least the basic rules of "social distancing" can be observed.

## 5. Guidelines for coaches (trainers, instructors)

- Coaches must be informed about the latest rules of conduct at all times.
- Coaches with symptoms of illness are not allowed to participate in the training. They stay at home, respectively go into isolation. They call their family doctor and follow his or her instructions. The training group is to be informed immediately about the symptoms of the disease
- The coaches enforce hygiene measures (social distancing, presence of disinfectants, etc.)
- The minimum distance between coaches and players is always at least 2 metres.
- Arrival and departure (for players and coaches) should take place on time.



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### 6. Guidelines for referees and scorers

- Referees must stand at least three (3) meters behind the stumps on the side of the thrower / non-striker
- Fielders are at least five (5) meters away from the referee.
- The referee must disinfect the ball after each over.
- The scorers sit with a minimum distance of three (3) meters.
- No-one is allowed to be near the scorers.

### Communication

This protection and safety concept of Cricket Switzerland will be transmitted for consultation to the Federal Office of Sports (FOSPO) and to Swiss Olympic - [walter.mengisen@baspo.admin.ch](mailto:walter.mengisen@baspo.admin.ch) .

Immediately after the end of the consultation phase and acceptance of the procedure, the concept should be distributed in writing to all clubs and organisers, posted on the website and its correct implementation monitored.