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**Taplow Cricket Club – Protocol for Adapted Game Play during COVID-19**

Below is the protocol that Taplow Cricket Club will be adhering to at all matches and training sessions for the foreseeable future. The protocol is informed by the ECB 'Return to Cricket Plan for Step 4', issued in July 2020.

The protocol is applicable to all players, spectators, volunteers, coaches and officials who use the Taplow Cricket Club facilities at Ten Acres. By attending a cricket match or training session we will assume you have agreed to follow the protocol.

Participants should comply with all public health restrictions and avoid high risk behaviour outside the sports setting to reduce the risk to their fellow participants when they do attend a cricket club or venue. For all activity, the relevant UK Government social distancing guidance should be adhered to at all times.

All participants (players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators) should check for symptoms of COVID-19. In line with current UK Government Guidance, if an individual is symptomatic and/or living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection they should remain at home and follow UK Government guidance. In addition, any participants who have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace because they are a contact of a known COVID-19 case, must not exercise outside their home or garden and must not exercise with others.

**The Club notes that there is an increase in transmission risk associated with partaking in socially distanced group activity, as such all participants must be clear that they are opting to participate in cricket activity.**

Prior to all cricket activity

- Participants should follow UK Government guidance on best practice for travel, including minimising the use of public transport and limiting car sharing.
- Participants should bring their own hand sanitiser where possible and maintain strict and frequent hand hygiene measures at all times.
- Participants should arrive changed and ready to begin the warm-up; the changing rooms will be locked.
- Individuals should bring their own food and drink for 'teas' or practice. The Club will not prepare refreshments and the kitchen is out-of-bounds. Drinking water is available from an outside tap.
- All participants should sanitise their hands prior to the start of the activity.
- A Club representative will make all participants aware of expected social distancing and hygiene measures during play and whilst on site, and explain the risk mitigation measures put in place in clubhouse.
- 11-a-side cricket will be limited to a maximum of 30 participants, including coaches and officials. A register of all participants will be maintained and records kept for 21 days.

During all cricket activity

- Cricket activity must take place outdoors only.

- There must be no physical contact. The 2 metre social distancing rule must be maintained at all times (including during post-wicket celebrations, drinks breaks and tactical discussions), except in the following limited circumstances during competitive play in England only where social distancing of 1m+ is permitted: 1) wicket keepers standing up to the stumps and 2) distance between slip fielders.
- Where possible players should limit sharing of equipment. If they do, they must practise strict hand hygiene before and after use and the equipment must be cleaned before use by another person.
- No sweat or saliva to be applied to the ball at any time.
- A 'hygiene break' should take place every six overs or every 20 minutes, whichever is sooner, in which the ball is cleaned with an antimicrobial wipe and all participants' hands are cleaned using a suitable sanitiser. This routine should also be followed at the start of any drinks break or the close of an innings. The responsibility for sanitising the ball during the match will lie with the fielding captain, not the umpire.
- Water bottles or other refreshment containers should not be shared. Players should refrain from spitting or rinsing out their mouths.
- Batters to sanitise their bat when leaving the field of play and Wicket Keepers should sanitise their gloves.
- Bowlers should not hand any personal items to the umpire. Bowlers should place these items at the boundary themselves.
- Batters are to run in distinct running lines to ensure they are not within 2m of the bowler or other batter. Lines will be marked on the square on either side of the wicket.
- A maximum of two scorers are allowed in the zone marked on the Club veranda. Communal scorebooks passed from one player to another should be avoided. One scorer will be responsible for operating the manual scoreboard.
- Minimise sharing of the ball in a match by limiting contact as the ball makes its way back to the bowler e.g. ball goes straight from wicketkeeper to bowler instead of around surrounding fielders.
- Umpires should refrain from any contact with the ball, it can be returned to the base of the stumps at breaks and wickets. Umpires should be responsible for the stumps closest to them and should be the only person replacing the bails if dislodged.
- In the event of rain, participants should return to their own vehicle to maintain social distancing if there is insufficient outdoor cover from the rain to maintain social distancing.
- Application of covers in the event of wet weather should be done whilst maintaining social distancing.

#### After all cricket activity

- All participants should sanitise their hands after the completion of activity.
- Participants should exit whilst maintaining social distancing.
- The Clubhouse Bar, when it is open, will operate in line with current UK Government guidelines on hospitality and social distancing must be maintained. Follow the entry and exit signs, and maintain social distancing.
- One club representative/volunteer will be responsible for collecting and disinfecting any shared equipment.
- All participants are encouraged to report any infection of their household to the NHS Test and Trace system following use of the facility to limit the spread of the virus, and advise the Club's welfare officer at the earliest opportunity.

### General Attendance

- There is sufficient parking available on-site, but please follow social distancing guidelines when using the space.
- Toilet facilities will be available. Follow the signs for the separate ladies and gentleman facilities. One person to use at a time. The required hygiene protocol will be clearly labelled.
- The kitchen is off-limits to all participants.
- Spectators should remain socially distanced at all times and refrain from all contact with the ball e.g. returning it to the field of play. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider UK Government guidance.
- Chairs and benches on the veranda are spaced to allow for suitable social distancing; furniture must not be moved.
- Hand washing facilities and/or hand sanitiser will be available for all site users.
- First Aid equipment is available, including suitable PPE for First Aiders.

### Advice for Children's Activity

- Parents should drop off and collect participants via a protocol that maintains social distancing. Parents should remain socially distanced on the side-line.
- Training sessions for children are to be limited to a maximum group size of 10 per coach, and no more than 30 in total.
- Each training group will operate independently.
- Coaches will conduct a risk assessment, ensuring appropriate measures are put in place to keep participants and coaches safe. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that they coach players in a safe environment and follow relevant guidelines.