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KV CRICKET CLUB COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Purpose of these Guidelines

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for the safe resumption of cricket activities that includes training, playing, and travelling within KV Cricket Club. These guidelines have been developed with the review of KV Cricket Club Guidelines. This document offers guidance on how players can return to play alongside the resumption of outdoor activities of the sport once permit to use the facilities has been issued.

Cricket Specific Risks

There are several risks specific to the sport of cricket which must be considered alongside general physical exercise guidance issued by the Canadian and provincial governments. Cricket is a non-contact team sport and so the risks and exposure to COVID#19 may differ from full contact team sports. In particular:

- players may be in proximity at times during the use of shared facilities and travelling to the cricket field. Therefore, should a team player or opponent develop any CV-19 symptoms or be found to develop an infection, participants will require isolation and testing as they are most likely to have been in close contact. In New Brunswick, we do not have facilities like locker room or dugout, but there will be mandatory 6 feet distancing when non-fielding players are waiting to their turn to bat.
- Although cricket is not a contact sport, the cricket ball is a potential transmission medium and rules should be applied around the “management of the ball”.
- On-field behavior that includes celebrations with body contact, and shared use of drink bottles, towels and equipment can pose a risk in cricket and is strongly discouraged.
- Players should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own items (sunglasses, cap, jumpers, towels etc.) and instructed against handing over any items to umpires or teammates. A Bowler is permitted to keep their items behind the wicketkeeper in a pre-marked zone. If the ball during the Game comes in contact, it will be deemed dead ball and 5 penalty runs awarded to the batting team, similarly to Law 28.3 – Protective helmets belonging to the fielding side.



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- Participants such as (particularly) umpires, scorers and other staff and volunteers may be considered vulnerable individuals that are at higher risk of severe illness due to CV19. This includes older individuals (approx. 60+) and people of any age with underlying medical conditions such as cardiac, kidney, diabetes, obesity, weak innate immunity, etc.
- Safe and effective return of players to strength and conditioning is important (particularly bowlers). Limited preparation may cause higher injury levels.
- Cricket is officiated by umpires on the field of play and their health and well-being needs to be taken into full consideration as they spend the greatest amount of time near players.

Training

1. One of the board members needs to be present at the ground to ensure their participants are adhering to the requirements of this document.
2. The individual practice shall be performed outdoor
3. Must answer COVID specific questions before practicing or participating in a game.
4. Must maintain a two-meters distance from the participating players/coach regardless of participating in the training or taking a break from training.
5. No Individual can apply saliva or sweat to the cricket balls used in the practice.
6. Individuals shall bring their own clearly marked water bottles, regularly sanitize their hands and the bottle shall remain in their kit bag or with them when not in use
7. Each bowler shall use his own balls and in cleaning 'cloth' as may be required.
8. Batsmen must kick or hit the ball back to the bowler/coach in the nets - Not pick up and throw
9. If training with the coach
The skill training with coaches shall be in one-on-one sessions, the order should be fielding, bowling and batting.
10. "one skin per ball" policy shall be in place for these sessions
 - a. Coaches, shall have their own set of balls for throwdowns
 - b. Coaches must wear a rubber glove on their spare hand when taking deliveries from bowlers with a mitt on the other.



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Pre-game requirements:

1. Each individual club will be responsible for the cost for non-medical protective gear and hand sanitizers unless the club is able to secure funding to help with the cost.
2. Signage from Work Safe NB regarding Social Distancing will be posted at the entrance of every cricket playing area, unless they are already posted by the venue administration.
3. All clubs participating in the 2020 season need to have their returning and new players sign the waiver form and submitted to the club with season fees.
4. Compliance by club player
 - a. Notify the club about the players playing in the 2020 season with the following:
 - i. Players who have travelled out of the Atlantic bubble* regardless of purpose, 14 days prior to the beginning and during KV Cricket Club Season**
 - ii. The player should observe mandatory quarantine and later notify the club upon completion.
 - iii. Prohibit any participant who is symptomatic – fever, cough or have had contact with any person who has tested positive in the prior 2 weeks. Upon request, names are to be provided to the association.
 - iv. Collect Emergency contact information. Report, when requested by the Association.
 - v. Before each Game day and training, assigned board player will ask questions pertaining to COVID-19 avoidance.
 - vi. During travel to and from cricket playing fields, it is recommended to have 4 players travel together and each wear non-medical mask.
 - b. Recommend club players every week to:
 - i. Take precautionary measures to reduce exposure to the COVID-19, including maintaining personal hygiene****
5. Players to follow mandatory precautionary measures such as:
 - a. No sharing of any personal playing protection equipment such as abdomen guard, gloves, and helmets, under any circumstance.
 - i. If cricket pads are shared, the straps and inner area facing the leg must be sanitized with a cleaning wipe.
 - b. Not to arrive at the ground prior to 30 minutes before the scheduled or revised Game start time. Upon arrival, physical distancing must be followed of at least 2 metres from the next person.
 - c. Each player will have their own water bottle marked with their name. If it is a disposable bottle, it should be appropriately disposed off at the earliest available opportunity.



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6. No captain, player, umpire and or spectator will shake hands, embrace or high five, reduce physical distance of 2 meters and no contact must be strictly followed to ensure health safety of all participants in that Game.
7. The umpire involved in the Game will have their responsibility role expanded to observe and ensure players are maintaining physical distancing and will also be the enforcer of it **only** on Field. Any player not adhering to the umpire instruction will be warned and could be suspended from that Game.

Game Guidelines

1. Any time during the Game, each player must maintain 2 metres distancing from another player, umpire, or spectators.
2. No player on or off the field can apply saliva or sweat to the ball used for the day's Game.
3. During any interruption, interval, or dismissals of batsman. The Game ball will be placed in the center of cricket pitch visible to the umpire.
 - a. If Saliva or sweat was applied to the ball, then an alcohol wipe will be used by the bowler under the observation of the umpire (from a safe distance) can observe, later immediately dispose the cleaning wipe.
 - b. Players are also barred from spitting on and off the cricket field.
4. Players will not have any physical contact not restricted to high five, pat, handshake, reduce physical distance of 2 meters or embrace during the Game under any circumstance.
5. During the Game, players of the fielding team will use a pocket hand sanitizer to sanitize their hand upon coming contact with the ball.
 - a. It is not a requirement to wear disposable gloves by fielders, but if a player for their own safety wants to wear gloves, they are permitted to wear only disposable gloves. But, the fielder still has to sanitize their hands (with gloves) upon contact with the Game ball anytime during the Game.
 - b. Once the bowler completes his over, he/ she is to sanitize their both hands with a hand sanitizer which should have a minimum of 60% alcohol base.
 - c. If there is any interval, interruption, or dismissals of batsman. The fielding team players before leaving the field will use their personal hand sanitizer for their hands before leaving the playing field.
 - i. Washing of hands with soap and water for 20 seconds can be used if available at the location
 - ii. The umpire in a zip lock bag gain the possession of the Game ball.



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6. All bowlers when approaching the bowling crease to deliver the ball will pass the umpire maintaining at least 6 feet distance from the umpire, there will be clear marking on either side of the umpire to assist the bowlers.
 - a. Umpires will be further advised to stand 10 feet away from the bowling crease versus the regular 6 feet to assist bowlers with this requirement.
7. Batsman when taking runs between wickets must cross each other by maintaining social distance from each other and bowler.
 - a. Unless fielding near the pitch before the delivery stride of the bowler, no fielder besides the wicketkeeper and the bowler should approach the pitch.
 - b. The batsman at the crease, must agree upon on which side of the pitch they will run.
 - c. Mid-innings and mid-play swap of sides is allowed for both the batsman provided 6 feet distance is maintained between themselves when they cross each other.

Post-Game Guidelines:

1. Any disposable protective equipment must be put in a nearby trash/garbage which can be located outside the field, unless notified otherwise by the association and or any authority of New Brunswick.
2. They should either wash their hands with water and soap for 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with minimum 60% alcohol content.
3. After the Game is completed, there should be no gathering or congregation of players for any reason. They must leave the playing field immediately or when possible at the earliest.

Notes:

*Atlantic bubble is defined to include province of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador

**Personal Hygiene is not limited to washing both hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, wearing non-medical mask and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

***To ensure players safety, KV Cricket Club is recommending all umpires in the league, to wear a protective face shield along with a non-medical mask and gloves. Further umpire's will not hold the bowler's clothing or equipment for any duration, they will not take possession of the Game ball at any time during the Game. The Game ball will be placed in the middle of the pitch (playing area) anytime there is no play. Only due to rain, the umpire shall secure the ball by putting the ball in a shrink-lock bag.



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