



## St. Columba's Cricket Club – Match Day Management COVID-19 Return to Cricket Guidelines

**Disclaimer** – these guidelines have been put together from COVID 19 guidance given by the [USA Cricket Return to Cricket Guidelines](#), [the World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), and other sources. See the “Resources – COVID-19” section of this document.

**Avoid** – Hands can touch many different surfaces during match day and can pick up viruses. Hands can transfer the virus to the eyes, nose, and mouth; the virus can then enter your body and infect you. Therefore, avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and face.

**Batting/Fielders** – The striker and non-striker must maintain six feet distance and should be careful when communicating orally with each other.

All fielders within six feet of each other must wear a face mask on the field.

**Ball Maintenance** – No saliva/spit must be used on any match balls by both the teams. Players should refrain from licking hands/fingers. Players should refrain from touching their face when handling the ball and sanitize hands after the over is complete.

**Celebration (Wicket)** – There shall be no celebrations at the fall of a wicket involving high-fives, handshakes, hugs, or anything that requires physical contact of any type.

There shall be no handshakes at the end of the match between the teams. An alternate gesture of some nature is strongly encouraged to maintain the Spirit of Cricket.

**Communication** – SCCC Fixture Secretary must e-mail this guidelines document to home and visiting teams before every match; ideally one week in advance of the weekend fixture.

**Compliance** – A designated member from each team must ensure these guidelines are followed by their respective teams. The compliance officer reserves the right to bar any player or individual who is not following the guidelines from the field.

For purposes of contact tracing, the playing member's names and contact numbers must be recorded by the match officials.

**Equipment** – It is recommended that all players utilize their own kits/equipment during the match. Sharing of team kits is strongly discouraged. If equipment needs to be shared, a thorough sanitization of the equipment must be conducted by the player who used it. Disinfectant and/or disinfectant wipes will be available.



Umpires will not carry player equipment during the match. The players must place this equipment on the field behind the wicketkeeper.

**Face Mask** – Facial masks/coverings must be worn where a safe social distancing of six feet is unable to be maintained on or off the field. Non-cloth face masks are for one-time use only and must not be re-worn after twenty-four hours.

**Food and Drinks** – SCCC will not allow sharing of food and drinks on the ground for the remainder of the Season. Players/teams should bring their own food and drinks and are responsible for removing their own trash from the field.

**Ground Transportation** – The home and visiting teams should make every effort to arrive at the field using their own transportation. In case of carpooling, all players in the car must wear a face mask and use hand sanitizers after touching surfaces.

**Gathering Limit** – Regardless of Rhode Island's reopening phase gathering limit, SCCC will only permit the playing 11/12 players and the team scorers onto the field the day of the match. We strongly recommend not to bring family and friends to the ground for the rest of this year.

SCCC will not allow any player in the playing XII who has recently returned from the following US States<sup>1</sup> and Countries<sup>2</sup>; unless the player has self-quarantined for a minimum of fourteen days.

**Managing Symptoms**<sup>3</sup> – Stay home and self-isolate even with minor symptoms such as cough, sneezing, mild-fever, or difficulty breathing.

Where any individual has played, officiated or been involved in a competitive match and then subsequently fallen ill or developed symptoms, then that player or official should: (1) report the same to the organizer of the match; (2) seek healthcare support immediately; and (3) follow all local and authority regulatory requirements.

Where any individual has played, officiated or been involved in a competitive match and then subsequently contracts COVID-19, then that player or official should: (1) report the same to the organizer of the match; (2) follow all local and authority regulatory requirements; (3) self-

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<sup>1</sup> RI DOH Travel Guidance - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSUCk9FIHBoJt5ZO0U6PKTTY7jHH8V4MovED0WiqpTTixdgMSCnUW125xX5DCmQmtLknzu7Bo0jwY02/pubhtml?gid=0&single=true>

<sup>2</sup> International Travel (return) - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

<sup>3</sup> USA Cricket - <https://www.usacricicket.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/USAC-Return-to-Cricket-Guidelines-2020.pdf>



quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days (or such period as they may be advised by any medical practitioner – whichever is longer) before returning to training and/or participating; and (4) provide a copy of a doctor's note confirming that they are clear to participate in such activity.

Where any report of an individual contracted COVID-19 is made, the organizer of the match should: (1) notify all individuals who may have come into contact with the reporting individual; and (2) immediately cease all related activities and carry out a new risk assessment exercise before any further activities are resumed.

**Match End** – Both teams must refrain from possible interaction after the completion of play. Teams should disperse promptly at the end of the match. Face masks must be worn within six feet of each other.

**Temperature Testing** – The compliance officer from each team will conduct temperature testing on players and match officials before the commencement of the match. The temperature reading for an individual must be less than 100.4F (38C). Participation in the match will be denied if the temperature is higher than 100.4F (38C).

**Sanitization** – A sanitization dispenser will be available to use for both teams. Players are strongly encouraged to bring their own sanitizer products to ensure individual and ease of access at all time.

All players must sanitize their hands before the match, during innings break, and after the match.

Two small bottles of sanitizers will be carried by the Umpires. Every bowler must clean their hands before touching the ball and starting the new over.

**Scorers** – Both teams are encouraged to bring their own scoring equipment such as pens and pencils. In case of sharing an electronic device, it must be sanitized before use by a different individual.

**Team Meetings/Huddles** – A strict social distancing of **fourteen feet** must be maintained during team meetings or huddles on or off the ground by both the teams.

**Tent** – SCCC will have separate tents for home and visiting teams. Players of both teams must maintain social distancing of six feet and wear a mask inside the tent. We recommend the visiting teams to bring their own chairs.

**Umpires** – The two standing Umpires must maintain a safe distance when communicating with players and from the non-striker. The Umpires must wear face mask and sanitize hands after



handling the match ball. Umpires are also encouraged to wear gloves when handling the match ball for any reason.

**Waiver** – A release of SCCC liability waiver form related to COVID-19 exposure, COVID-19 liability, and COVID-19 risks must be signed by all players.

**Water** – Each team must bring their own water bottles to the ground. Recycling or trash generated from this activity must be taken back by the respective team.

## **Resources – COVID-19**

### **USA Sports and Cricket Resources:**

[RI Adult Sports Guidelines](#)

[USA Cricket Return to Cricket Guidelines](#)

[Aspen Institute Project Play – Risk Assessment Tool](#)

[CDC considerations for Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)

[National Recreation and Parks Association on Slowing the Spread](#)

### **COVID-19 Guidance:**

[RI Department of Health](#)

[MA Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[WHO – Q&A on COVID-19](#)

[WHO Posters](#)

[State-by-State Guidance](#)

### **COVID-19 Hygiene:**

[Cleaning and Disinfecting](#)

[Handwashing](#)

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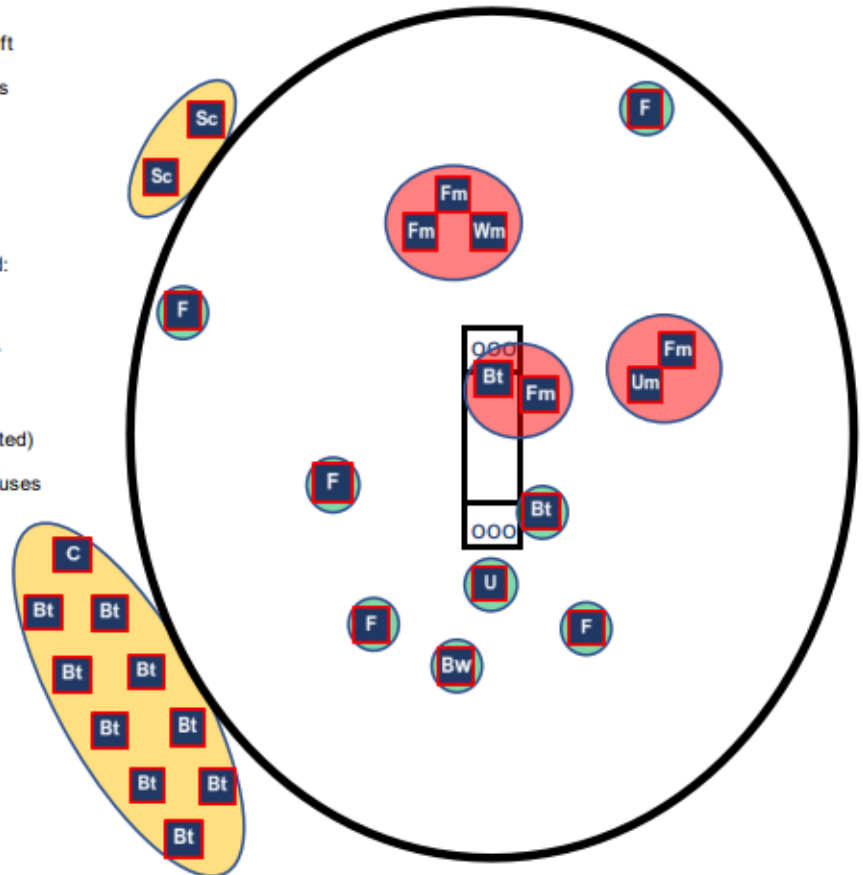
## Appendix A: Recommended field organization for match day

### MATCH SETUP - FULL GROUND

#### Key Points

- 1 Batting team to maintain social distancing - 6 ft
- 2 Fielders in close positions to wear face masks
- 3 Scorers to sit separately
- 4 Umpires to wear gloves
- 5 Umpire to stand at least 3 ft behind stumps
- 6 Any clothing / equipment / helmets if removed:
  - for batters leave on ground behind keeper
  - for all others taken off ground at end of over
  - nothing to be left with umpires
- 7 No saliva to be used on the ball (sweat permitted)
- 8 All shared equipment to be sanitized between uses

- Individual - maintaining social distancing - 6 ft
- Group - maintaining social distancing - 6 ft
- Group - face masks recommended



Bt=batter; Bw=bowler; F=fielder; W=keeper; C=coach; U=umpire;  
Sc=scorer; 'm'=mask

Source: USA Cricket