



LORD'S TAVERNERS
Giving young people a sporting chance

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Lord's Taverners Indoor Guidelines

Following recent government announcements, this communication aims to clarify delivery of Lord's Taverners programmes under the current ECB and government guidelines. Utilising the ECB's [COVID-19 Guidance for Cricket Indoors](#), Wicketz, Super 1s and Table Cricket can now deliver in an indoor setting. Both under 18s and organised indoor activity for disabled people are exempt from the 'Rule of 6', allowing us the scope to deliver to larger groups. The current Indoor Guidance will be updated to reflect this and this will be shared in due course. For more information, please see the latest ECB COVID-19 guidance communication [here](#).

Outdoor delivery can continue within the [ECB Return to Cricket Plan for Step 4](#). For the latest UK Government guidance and support, please visit www.gov.uk; you should also check local restrictions that apply in your area.

Before any indoor delivery can take place, you are required to plan with all venues. You must meet all standards outlined in the [ECB COVID-19 Guidance for Cricket Indoors](#). In addition, as part of your planning, you must complete the [ECB Risk Assessment template](#) and ensure you have met all the requirements from the [Provider Checklist](#) and [Venue Checklist](#). All will raise questions that you need to be able to answer to deliver indoor sessions safely. You are required to share your Risk Assessment with the relevant Lord's Taverners Programme Manager prior to any delivery taking place.

Should you have any queries regarding the indoor guidelines, please contact Lord's Taverners or ECB for clarity. Please note, the current guidelines could change in response to the current COVID-19 Alert Level or other Government advice.

Table Cricket: Please use the [ECB COVID-19 Guidance for Cricket Indoors](#) for your planning in Table Cricket delivery. Where schools and colleges are operating within 'bubbles', you can deliver in accordance with the guidance. Lord's Taverners will be submitting further guidance and adaptations for delivery outside of this.

Indoor Cricket Guidance

The full ECB COVID-19 Guidance for Cricket Indoors can be found [here](#). This guidance aims to support venues, coaching providers and clubs to deliver cricket activity in accordance with the [UK Government Guidance on Indoor Sport](#). This Government guidance must be followed.

Before any new delivery takes place, we are asking you to thoroughly plan and assess the suitability of indoor delivery. You must share your plans with the relevant programme manager:

- Super 1s Programme Manager: Mark Bond – mark.bond@lordstaverners.org
- Wicketz Programme Manager: Dan Wilson – dan.wilson@lordstaverners.org
- Table Cricket Coordinator: Liz Kuda – liz.kuda@lordstaverners.org

Below are some of the key points that you should be aware of from the ECB's Indoor Guidance:

Venues

- Carry out a COVID-19 Risk assessment, act on it, communicate it, publish it.
- Include ventilation, occupancy, social distancing and cleaning as a minimum.
- Implement and communicate control measures.
- H&S, First Aid, Safeguarding and Access legislation and requirements remain in place.
- Continually review and update.
- Communicate and work in partnership with Coaching Providers and Clubs to make sure government guidance is followed
- Venues must also display an NHS QR Code Poster (physically or electronically) – see [here](#) for details on how to register and create your NHS QR code poster. Once you have produced and displayed your poster, you then need to get visitors to scan the NHS QR code when they arrive at your venue using the NHS COVID-19 app. Please note that the NHS QR code is an alternative to providing contact details - if someone chooses not to scan the NHS QR code using the NHS COVID-19 app, you are still legally required to record and maintain their contact details in a compliant record keeping system for use in the NHS Test and Trace system.
- In Wales, venues should appoint a Coronavirus Officer

Coaching Providers and Clubs

- Carry out a COVID-19 Risk assessment, act on it, communicate it, publish it.
- Plan and adapt your coaching activity to be COVID-19 compliant.
- Plan and adapt pre-session and post-session processes to be COVID-19 compliant (including NHS Test & Trace (England) / Test, Trace, Protect (Wales) requirements). Allow time for handover between sessions.
- H&S, First Aid, Safeguarding and Access legislation and requirements remain in place.
- Check venues when you hire them and work in partnership with them to make sure Government guidance is followed.
- In Wales, coaches must wear facemasks in indoor areas when they are not actively involved in aerobic activity.
- In Wales, coaching providers and clubs should appoint a Coronavirus Officer
- Please note that 'Coaching Provider' is a cover-all term that includes all coaching activity, including coach development activity.

Participants

- Enjoy your cricket and enjoy it safely.
- Cricket indoors is different from normal under COVID-19 and different from outdoor cricket under COVID-19, but everything will be explained to you – just follow guidance from your coaching provider or club.
- Individuals should undergo a personal symptom check prior to all activity and not take part if they demonstrate any COVID-19 symptoms, in Wales, participants are required to self-declare this and other requirements (see the guidance). You should maintain 2 m social distancing at all times.
- Players should minimise handling of the ball in all activity, by limiting contact as it makes its way back to the bowler and using small groups in training.
- No sweat or saliva should be added to the ball at any time.

- Limit the sharing of equipment where possible. Where not possible, practise strict hand and equipment hygiene. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact your coaching provider or club.
- In Wales, participants must wear facemasks when entering an indoor facility, and when not participating in cricket activity. They are permitted to remove facemasks during cricket sessions.

Coaching resources

- For ideas around how to adapt your coaching sessions to meet socially distanced regulations, we recommend you visit <https://icoachcricket.ecb.co.uk/> for a wide range of ideas
- Examples of how you may safely plan and space indoor sessions can be found [here](#).
- We are requesting that all our delivery partners and volunteers complete this short, free online course that will increase your understanding of how to deliver safely. Online course to aid with delivery under COVID-19. Upon completion of the course you will receive a certificate and it should take no longer than 2 hours from start to finish. The link can be found [here](#).

Useful documents for Indoor Activity:

- If you have not already done so, create an account for the ECB resource hub to access useful documents – <https://resourcehub.ecb.co.uk/account/dashboard/> An action checklist for all providers of indoor activity can be found [here](#). Please ensure that you follow the steps outlined before any activity takes place.
- Prior to activity, you must complete a risk assessment outlining measures to be put in place and monitored. An ECB risk assessment template can be found [here](#).
- A checklist for venue operators can be found [here](#). Please ensure that any potential indoor venue has actioned all items on this list before activity takes place. This includes a venue risk assessment.

Safeguarding

- ECB safeguarding policies, procedures and requirements apply as per usual for coaching sessions for children or vulnerable persons. You should carry out a Safeguarding Risk Assessment for your coaching activity and put the required control measures in place
- Spacing at venues is vitally important to ensure the safety of participants. The max capacity of participants per session should be based on 100sqft per person (9.29m²). This includes any person within the activity space. You must also ensure your venue is well ventilated. See [ECB COVID-19 Guidance for Cricket Indoors](#) for further details.
- All sessions must include one qualified coach per group plus additional adult(s) required to meet cricket safeguarding ratios (1:8 aged 8 and under, 1:10 aged 9 and over). All groups are to be self-sufficient e.g. a coach cannot oversee two separate groups.
- With groups of young disabled people, we recommend reducing group sizes as much as possible to ensure social distancing is adhered to. It is vital that adaptations and guidelines are clearly communicated to parents and guardians ahead of sessions to ensure safe social distancing throughout your sessions.
- Any individual who is currently being asked to shield due to an increased risk of contracting COVID-19 must not attend any sessions until such a time that it is safe for them to do so. Government and Healthcare Provider guidance must be adhered to at all times.

- Providers and clubs are strongly recommended to pre-register participants. This will assist in controlling numbers and ensuring [legal requirements](#) to supply user contact data to NHS Test and Trace are met with the Venue Provider. There must be a record of all participants (including coaches, administrators, carers and others) at training sessions. Collect sufficient data on each participant (name, home phone number, mobile number, date and times of entry and exit) so that each person could be contacted if there is a case of COVID-19 connected to the relevant facility. These records must be kept for 21 days.
- As per your contract, the responsibility of running sessions remains with the County Cricket Board and any issues should be reported to Lord's Taverners immediately

Additional Advice for Coaches

These measures cannot cover every eventuality and coaches must conduct a risk assessment, ensuring appropriate measures are put in place to keep participants and coaches safe.

Playing and coaching cricket in itself carries some degree of risk and whilst being mindful of the guidelines regarding COVID-19, coaches should not lose sight of the normal safety rules or safeguarding standards relating to playing and coaching cricket which continue to apply and must be complied with (DBS, safeguarding, [First Aid](#) etc).

- Coaches should make themselves aware of and abide by, all guidelines set out by the UK Government, the venue and ECB regarding use of facilities.
- It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that they coach players in a safe environment and follow relevant guidelines.
- Coach should explain the safety guidelines of what is expected pre, during and post session including what the player is expected to do to maintain compliance with social distancing guidelines and all other health and safety guidelines.