



**LORD'S TAVERNERS**  
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## **Table Cricket Schools Delivery Guidelines**

With consideration of both government advice and current ECB guidance, this document sets out guidance to delivering Table Cricket within schools, colleges, and other educational environments. Initially, we are limiting delivery to these environments as government and local restrictions on sporting activity do not apply within the education settings. Any Table Cricket delivery that does take place within educational settings must do so under the policy and procedures that the school or college has in place.

Lord's Taverners will release more wider guidance relating to Table Cricket however this will be done once the latest ECB Indoor Guidance has been updated and released. This will ensure that the latest government developments have been fully considered in any planning for community delivery

### **Schools Delivery**

Prior to any school delivery, you must consult with the school or college to ensure any delivery will meet their COVID regulations. You must also complete the [Table Cricket Risk Assessment Checklist](#) in consultation with the school to ensure that you are compliant. Where schools and colleges are operating within 'bubbles', you can deliver Table Cricket under their operating guidance as long as you are delivering within one 'bubble' at a time. In this case, it will mean that you will be able to deliver Table Cricket as normal within a single 'bubble'. For more information on government guidance for school's please see [here](#).

Please note that each school or college are entitled to adopt their own stance on external delivery and how this should take place to conform to their own guidance. Some schools may not wish to have any external deliverers on their premises and therefore you will not be able to deliver. We need to be flexible in order to overcome these challenges. This year, we are recommending that delivery partners explore alternative methods of delivering Table Cricket to existing groups. This includes direct delivery to teachers who will then train their groups within the school. This could be done at a central location to multiple teachers but must adhere to the current government and ECB guidelines and therefore cannot exceed more than six adults (including the coach). Alternatively, you can deliver remotely using online platforms either direct to teachers or larger groups. By utilising the teachers more effectively we are not only taking away the physical risk of delivery but implementing more sustainability to the programme by empowering the teacher to deliver. This has always been at the core of our Table Cricket programme and should remain part of your long-term plans.

### **ECB 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](#). Although schools are operating within their own COVID-19 guidance, we recommend that you familiarise yourself with the ECB COVID-19 Guidance Indoors as this will assist you in taking the necessary precautions when working with schools. 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 (9.29m<sup>2</sup>). 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.