



LORD'S TAVERNERS
Giving young people a sporting chance

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Lord's Taverners programme delivery from Jan 2021

This communication aims to clarify Lord's Taverners stance on programme delivery from January 2021 and provide all delivery partners with the latest ECB and government guidelines. With both under 18s and organised indoor activity for disabled people remaining exempt from the 'Rule of 6' both indoors and outdoors, we can continue the delivery of our programmes. In addition, Table Cricket delivery can take place within educational settings but must do so under the policy and procedures that the school or college has in place.

Super 1s and Wicketz:

All cricket activity outside of an education setting must adhere to the latest ECB guidance which can be found [here](#). Please also refer to Lord's Taverners '[Return to Indoor Activity](#)' statement for further details.

Since 2nd December, we have been operating back within a tier system approach across the UK. It is essential that you refer to your local restrictions as outlined in the ECB guidance. To determine your Local COVID Alert Level (Tier) by postcode visit: <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions>. Note that the tier assigned to each area will be reviewed every 14 days, starting 16th December 2020. If your tier area changes, please contact Lord's Taverners to ensure we have the right level of support for your project.

Table Cricket:

For full Table Cricket guidance, please refer to the '[Lord's Taverners Table Cricket guidelines for school delivery](#)'.

Table Cricket delivery can take place within educational settings if the school permits. 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.

We are encouraging all delivery partners to explore online delivery, particularly with a focus on training teachers directly. This method of delivery can be used even when physical activity is permitted as it aligns with our vision for a more sustainable model of Table Cricket within schools.

Lord's Taverners will update all delivery partners regarding delivery of competitions and to other community groups in the new year. In the current climate, we are unable to deliver competitions, but this may change over the coming weeks and months. We will be in a position to react to this as soon as restrictions allow greater delivery.

Summary of key points and useful documents:

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.

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.

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.