

# WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST UPDATED RECOMMENDED START DATES

## RECOMMENDED START DATE

If you are comfortable in your Club running a program prior to Christmas, you must ensure you are fully aware, and adhere to the restrictions that are in place at the time of your program commencing. To view the current government restrictions, please visit our website <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/covid-19/>.

## CURRENT ADVICE

The current advice from Sport and Recreation Victoria, along with the Department of Health and Human Services indicates that you can now have groups of up to 50 Cricket Blast participants, as long as they are separated by a 'reasonable distance of 10 metres' (down from the previous guidance of 100 metres). As such, effective immediately, there is no limit on the amount of **Cricket Blast groups** you are allowed on an oval providing that each group can be separated by at least 10 metres.

## MASTER BLASTER VS JUNIOR BLASTER

### JUNIOR BLASTER

The current advice means for a Junior Blaster program, you can now have groups of up to 50 participants (plus Coordinators/Blast helpers) spaced out around the oval as long as there is a 10-metre gap in between each group.

### MASTER BLASTER

The current advice means for a Master Blaster program, you can have groups of 12 participants (6 vs 6) spaced out around the oval as long as there is a 10-metre gap in between each group.

## VOLUNTEERS INVOLVEMENT

Volunteers and parent/guardians are still an important part of running a successful Cricket Blast program. It is strongly encouraged that if you are not actively helping in the running of the program as a parent/guardian, you remain in your car until the program concludes. Generally, we would recommend 2-3 helpers per Blast group (depending on group size). Blast Coordinators/Helpers are no longer required to wear a mask as long as they maintain appropriate social distancing rules (1.5 metres).

## WOOLWORTHS ANYWHERE CRICKET BLAST

With the above recommendations in mind, Cricket Australia in collaboration with Cricket Victoria have launched a new online program – Woolworths Cricket Blast – Anywhere Blast

This free program has been designed to offer young Cricket Blasters the chance to participate in 6 x 20-minute interactive skills sessions in the comfort of their own home.

We see this as a perfect way for Cricket Blasters to start their cricket journey this year, before transitioning in to face to face programs at their local Clubs.

Visit [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au) to register for your Cricket Blast programs!

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### WHERE TO FROM HERE?

The below timeline will assist you in the next steps you need to take for getting your Cricket Blast program up and running, regardless of the start date you decide!

**Option A: Post-Christmas start date (February 6th)**

**Option B: Pre Christmas start date (November 23rd)**

