

CRICKET VICTORIA WEEKLY COVID-19 INTERIM UPDATE (Oct 12)

Latest update following weekly meeting with SRV held today

Two aspects that CV was seeking clarity on from SRV have now been confirmed.

1. Training numbers – Step 3 (*Regional now & Melbourne soon*)

Pleasingly the group size number has been eased from the historical max of 10 per group, to now allow full teams to train together. If the team regularly plays as an 11 on match day, then 11 can train in a group. If the team regularly plays with 12 or 13 on match day, then 12 or 13 can train together in each group.

At present, significant distance between groups is still required (based on the 100m distance set down for public social gathering) and therefore the current requirement remains for 2 groups per oval and 1 group in the nets. Groups can still swap areas through a session but shall have no more than the normal team numbers per group. More groups may be allowed at a facility soon – but not yet.

2. Turf curation – Step 2 (*Melbourne now*)

SRV have today confirmed that whilst it remains for individual council approval, turf wicket preparation can now commence under Step 2 restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne as soon as possible to ensure a safe return to training and matches. Most Melbourne based councils – not all - have already endorsed the preparation of wickets. This is on the basis that regular training is expected in the next 1-2 weeks and safe pitches are required for safe return to training. This is based on the [DHHS permitted work exemption list](#) – “Essential maintenance for safety and upkeep of public and recreational spaces, such as parks, gardens, golf courses”. More information on the permitted work process can be found [here](#) and a link to the permitted worker permit form can be found [here](#).

N.B.: Club volunteers working on wicket preparation will require permission from their council and a work permit from their club or council (as directed by the local council) – noting DHHS approval for volunteers is contained via these [relevant FAQs](#).

Reminder – no training in Metropolitan Melbourne under Step 2 restrictions

With good weather on the weekend and some good weather predicted over coming days, it may be tempting for clubs to organise ‘quasi’ training sessions. The advice is clear in that **no training** can commence in Step 2. The current restrictions for people in Melbourne are widely understood from DHHS, SRV and Cricket Victoria documentation. A household (or up to 5 people from 2 households) can meet outdoors for up to 2 x 1 hour sessions. These restrictions may ease from this weekend, but it remains government law with heavy fines in place for individuals and/or clubs who breach the rules until these rules change.

We are very close to the restrictions easing in Melbourne – players and clubs need to ensure patience to firstly help reduce the spread of the virus and also to avoid heavy fines.

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