

## CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE #21 (Feb 17 – v1)

The State Government has responded to questions raised about whether curation of turf wickets can commence before the end of the current lockdown period and the answer is yes. See below for more information.

### Turf curation can commence immediately

Cricket Victoria has just received a favourable ruling from the State Government, that turf wicket curation can commence **immediately** (i.e. today Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – during the circuit breaker restrictions period).

Under the current restricted activity directions, “essential” works can continue. The full list of essential workers and essential providers can be found here - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry-essential-workers-and-essential-providers-list> Under the essential workers heading, the relevant clauses are:

*“The following workers can leave home to attend work under circuit breaker restrictions. If you can work from home, you should.*

*Any person who performs work that is essential for the continued operation of:*

- *essential infrastructure and essential services that are required to maintain or protect human health, safety and wellbeing (whether provided by a public or private undertaking), and including construction, maintenance and repair of such infrastructure; or*
- *critical repairs to any premises where required for emergency or safety”*

In line with the above, the cricket specific ruling received by CV from the State Government is as follows:

- *“The Restricted Activity Direction allows for maintenance of all facilities operating for professional and high-performance athletes*
- *The Essential Providers List allows for maintenance of all facilities on school grounds*
- *The Essential Workers List allows for essential maintenance in other circumstances (e.g. watering the pitch in hot weather to prevent damage to the facility)*

*When undertaking the essential maintenance, only essential personnel should be in attendance and they must take all possible steps to minimise potential transmission.”*

The above response has been received by Louise Atwood (Manager | Sport, Recreation and Racing COVID-19 Response | Creative, Sport and Visitor Economy) **Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions** and we thank Louise and her team for the review.

N.B.: Under the current ‘circuit-breaker’ restrictions you do not require a permit to travel to work if you are an ‘essential worker’.

For those who play on turf wicket facilities, please pass this on to those responsible for your turf wicket preparation. This ruling only applies to curators who must ensure they maintain physical distance from others, wear a mask at all times, sanitise hands / equipment etc. All others involved in cricket clubs must await the outcome of the State Government announcement due today.

### Announcement re: potential end to the Circuit-Breaker restrictions

All Victorians eagerly await news of the potential end to the restrictions. Hopefully we receive positive news today that will allow all other cricket activities to commence from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Prepared by Paul Milo (CV Head of Member Services) – 17/2/2021*