

## CRICKET VICTORIA WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE (Nov 9)

It has been great to see and hear that almost all regional Victorian competitions are back up and running (some have been in play for a few weeks now) and many clubs in Melbourne had practice matches on the weekend after getting back to training in the last week/fortnight.

Below is the latest update from CV following the announcement from the Premier on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> that all of Victoria is now at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage in the roadmap to re-opening. Key aspects are as follows:

### 25km travel restriction & Ring of Steel now removed

As widely reported, the 25km restrictions on travel within Metro Melbourne and the Metropolitan / Regional "Ring of Steel" has been removed so all players will be able to travel to training and matches and paid coaches will no longer need a Worker Permit if travelling beyond the 25km in Melbourne or across the "Ring of Steel".

### Indoor facility access for Under-age competitions / training

Indoor centres are now able to re-open for Under-age participation with up to 20 people allowed (plus parent / spectators). Noting clubs will be earmarking only outdoor training now, any clubs wanting to use an indoor centre for training should check with the facility manager for density limits for their specific facility, booking arrangements and details on their required COVID-19 protocols.

### Team, club, association meetings

Can be held indoors at community facilities for up to 10 people per space and this is planned to increase to 20 people per space in a couple of weeks.

### Hospitality

**Indoor:** 40 patrons per venue indoors, subject to density of 1 per 4m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum of 10 people per space. "Spaces" can be separated by either temporary structures or at least 5 metres between collections of 10 seats or less, subject to the overall indoor cap of 40 and a density of 1 per 4m<sup>2</sup>.

**Outdoor:** Up to 70 patrons per venue, subject to density of 1 per 2m<sup>2</sup> and maximum groups of 10 persons. [An editable density poster](#) is provided in the resources of the CV COVID-19 section of the website for all clubs to use for the 4m<sup>2</sup> and 2m<sup>2</sup>

### COVID-19 refresher webinars

To complement the various webinars already held, CV are hosting two webinars this Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov (1pm-2pm and 6.30-7.30pm) – particularly targeting metro clubs & associations. The sessions will be recorded and shared widely for those who can't make either timeslot. **Register for either session now – via <https://cricketvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/z1m6d0jf1gxfsm/>**

### Reminders

- Group sizes for training can be normal team size (e.g. mostly 11) and can now be set up so that groups always remain 10 meters apart from each other group – before, during and after training. Keeping track of the groups will help should a positive COVID-19 case need to be reported.
- Check out the [CV website FAQs](#) for any question that you might have as most of the regular questions have been answered here. Some recent ones asked that are answered on the website include:
  - If using the Microsoft option for the QR code, is it better to have access to the 'paid' version through Microsoft Essentials or can the free access version work ok? (*Covered in both the FAQs and the separate guidance documents on the CV website*)
  - Can changerooms & canteens be opened?
  - Are spectators allowed at matches?
- Check out the match day guidance resources on the website for match day protocols

## Planning for post November 22<sup>nd</sup>

- **Group sizes likely to increase to 50 per group**  
Under the latest roadmap from the State Government, from 11.59pm on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>, training groups of up to 50 people per group will be allowed. Clubs should therefore start discussing options to plan training sessions from the 23<sup>rd</sup> – but await the official position from the State Government on or around the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Options are:
  - Clubs can choose to keep teams training separately and not mix before, during or after. The benefits here is that if a positive case becomes apparent, DHHS may restrict any isolation for up to 14 days to just the affected team / small group.
  - Clubs can choose to have up to 50 players training together. Easier to manage and can better utilise the nets, however if a positive case becomes apparent, the entire 50 may need to isolate for up to 14 days. If everyone is training together and/or using the changerooms / social rooms throughout or after the sessions, a positive case may spread to all other groups/players.
- **Masks for umpires (& players not actively batting, bowling, fielding) MAY not be required**  
This remains for the DHHS to decide their position on mask use that is currently required for umpires and players who are waiting to bat, bowl & field. Potentially low risk outdoor activities may move from 'required' to 'recommended' at around this stage. CV continues to follow this matter up with the State Government and will update when this State Government position changes.
- **Other restrictions**  
As flagged previously, as we continue to progress through the various stages under the State Government roadmap, from the current Step 3 stage (and hopefully soon the "Final Step" and COVID normal" stages), it is likely that other restrictions on things like the frequency of sanitiser breaks, the encouragement of spectators, organising club functions etc. will be eased from current arrangements.

CV will continue to work with all relevant authorities to address these matters and provide the latest advice as it comes to hand, however clubs are encouraged to work closely with their local council, Association and regional CV representative for guidance where required and not clear through the CV resources on the CV website.

### Other languages

CV is working with a translator to have two of the key COVID-19 documents (the player commitment page and the one-page match day poster/guide) translated to 5 different languages - Hindi, Urdu, Sinhalese, Bengali, Pashto. This should be complete & available on the CV website in the next week/fortnight.

Whilst COVID-19 case numbers are extremely low and restrictions are constantly coming down, it is important that we don't relax our efforts. We need to stick to the protocols in place that are not only helping us return to train & play but will allow us to continue to play the game that we all love - whilst also doing our part to help keep the community safe. Stay safe.

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