

## CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (August 12, 2021)

Please find the latest COVID-19 update from Cricket Victoria to follow:

### Winter to Summer transition

Acknowledging that ultimately the transition access to venues for the start of cricket seasons will be on a case by case basis and is the responsibility of the venue owner (usually the local council) and the relevant tenants to work in partnership to achieve a seamless transition, Cricket Victoria has had discussions with other sports to seek to provide some overall guidance should it be required. The CV principles in the discussions have been:

- Working in collaboration with all sports to maximise participation outcomes for all sports;
- Maximising the time for councils / clubs to prepare turf wickets; &
- Maximising the opportunity for all wickets to be ready for use by (or as close to) Friday October 1.

Noting that positions may change from the other sports and the advice is to check out the local winter code fixtures in your area – however the discussions to date have broadly resulted in the following outcomes:

#### AFL Victoria

Seasons dates will broadly be in line with 'normal' (non-COVID-19 affected) seasons – with some flexibility that already exists within the existing seasonal transition agreement between AFL Victoria, Cricket Victoria and the State Government to play deeper in to September. The current advice from AFL Victoria is that community football seasons are not planned to proceed in to October (or 'at worst' a very small number of Senior Grand Finals may be scheduled for the first weekend in October).

#### Football Victoria (Soccer)

Whilst the number of shared football/cricket grounds impacted are less than they are for AFL/cricket - and there is no current seasonal tenancy agreement between Cricket & Football – Football Victoria and Cricket Victoria have agreed on the following principles:

- No soccer matches should be scheduled on cricket/soccer shared grounds with turf pitches after August 31
- No soccer matches should be scheduled on cricket/soccer shared grounds with synthetic pitches after September 19 (for juniors) & September 26 (for seniors)
- Football/soccer seasons will likely continue in to October – however will not seek to utilise shared cricket/football grounds during this time

#### Rugby

Discussions are at the early stages with Rugby Victoria, however the intent from a cricket perspective is in line with the overall principles of maximising participation for both sports, ideally minimising the usage of turf wicket facilities and maximise the likelihood of cricket being able to commence from as close to October 1.

## Victoria / NSW border arrangements

- All residents of the cross-border community local government areas will now be required to obtain a permit to cross between Victoria and NSW from 6pm, Friday 13 August.
- Residents will be able to apply for a permit from Thursday afternoon at the [Service Victoria website](#) and via the Service Victoria app.

The permitted reasons cross-border community residents can cross the Victorian-NSW border include:

- Necessary goods and services, including medical care
- Care or other compassionate reasons
- Work (whether paid or voluntary, including for charitable or religious purposes)
- Education (including childcare or early childhood services)
- Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination
- **Organised/community sport and exercise connected to or organised by a club or facility (excluding alpine resorts).**

## State Government support for sporting organisations

Whilst many cricket clubs will not have been financially impacted by the timing of the recent lockdowns, please note the below information as received by the State Government.

*The [Sporting Club Grants Program](#) will provide grants to assist active recreation and sporting clubs that incurred financial loss during the recent lockdowns in Victoria.*

*Victorian sport and active recreation organisations that were impacted by the recent lockdowns in Victoria can now apply for a funding lifeline courtesy of the Victorian Government's Sporting Club Grants Program.*

*Grants of \$2,000 for Victorian sport and active recreation organisations with a payroll of up to \$3 million, to compensate for irrecoverable costs greater than \$2,000 arising directly from the cancellation or postponement of events during lockdowns from 11:59pm on Thursday 15 July to 27 July 2021 and 8pm on Thursday 5 August to 19 August 2021.*

*This funding is only available to organisations that are not eligible to seek funding from the [Business Costs Assistance Program](#). Please check your eligibility.*

## Current restriction levels

Key reminder: It is critical that players & clubs in Metropolitan Melbourne DO NOT undertake any sanctioned or unsanctioned training sessions until the lockdown is lifted. Whilst exercising with members of your household or one other person within 5km is ok, having multiple groups of two players having a net session as part of pre-season training is not. Our collective priority is to all help ensure that lockdown levels in Melbourne are lifted as soon as possible.

Community cricket COVID-19 guide. Check the Vic Government website for more detailed & updated information. <a href="http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au">coronavirus.vic.gov.au</a>	PREVIOUS: "EASED RESTRICTIONS" 28 JULY - 5 AUGUST (8pm)	<b>METRO</b> <b>CURRENT:</b> "LOCKDOWN" Thurs 5 Aug (8pm) - Thurs 19 AUG <i>info as at 12/8/21</i>	<b>REGIONAL</b> <b>CURRENT:</b> "EASED RESTRICTIONS" Mon 9 Aug (11.59pm) - onwards <i>info as at 12/8/21</i>
	STATEWIDE	METROPOLITAN	REGIONAL
<b>MATCHES</b>			
Playing junior matches (incl WWCB)?	✓	X	✓
Playing senior matches?	✓	X	✓
Number of players per team	Normal team size (e.g. 11 v 11)	N/A	Normal team size (e.g. 11 v 11)
Sanitiser frequency?	Max 20 overs	N/A	Max 20 overs
Masks required?	YES - except while batting, bowling, fielding	N/A	YES - except while batting, bowling, fielding
Are spectators allowed?	No. Only players, coaches, scorers, umpires, parents/guardians.	N/A	No. Only players, coaches, scorers, umpires, parents/guardians.
Are Indoor Cricket matches allowed?	Yes - subject to 1:4sqm (max of 100 'per space')	N/A	Yes - subject to 1:4sqm (max of 100 'per space')
QR code check-ins required & monitored?	✓	N/A	✓
<b>TRAINING</b>			
Ovals & nets open for training?	✓	X	✓
Training group size?	10 per group	N/A	Normal training group sizes. Small groups are recommended.
Can equipment (including balls) be shared?	After sanitisation	N/A	After sanitisation
Maximum number of people allowed to train?	1:4sqm or Max. 300 ppl	N/A	1:4sqm or Max. 300 ppl
Distance between training groups?	Reasonable distance. Keep separated at all times.	N/A	Reasonable distance. Keep separated at all times.
Masks required?	YES - except while batting, bowling, fielding	N/A	YES - except while batting, bowling, fielding
QR code check-ins required & monitored?	✓	N/A	✓
Is Indoor training allowed?	Yes - subject to 1:4sqm (max of 100 'per space')	N/A	Yes - subject to 1:4sqm (max of 100 'per space')
<b>FACILITY ACCESS</b>			
Number of people in changerooms?	1:4sqm	N/A	1:4sqm
Number of people in social rooms?	1:4sqm N.B.: No spectators allowed	N/A	1:4sqm N.B.: No spectators allowed
Canteens open for use?	✓	N/A	✓
Masks required?	✓	N/A	✓
QR code check-ins required & monitored?	✓	N/A	✓
<p>N.B.: The above is a summary only. Check the Vic Government Coronavirus website for the latest information. If unsure, check with your council / venue owner regarding access. Always maintain 1.5m distance, regular hand hygiene &amp; if unwell stay away &amp; get tested</p>			

For the latest general COVID-19 information – visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>

For cricket specific COVID-19 information – visit <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/covid-19/>

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