

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (September 23, 2021)

CRICKET ROADMAP

Cricket Victoria has developed a one-page roadmap that has been shared with the State Government to confirm that it aligns with the wider roadmap announcement from the Premier on Sunday. We are yet to have feedback to this document and will share asap after confirmation.

Whilst waiting for this confirmation, to assist Associations who are working through their current plans at present, the below is provided as a useful guide only at this stage – noting it is subject to change following more detailed information.

@ 80% SINGLE DOSE (expected in coming days)

METRO (15 KM LIMIT)	REGIONAL VIC
<p>No matches</p> <p>No organised training No club structured training sessions</p> <p>Use of cricket ovals/nets If all vaccinated ... multiple groups of 5 can gather to exercise (including cricket) outdoors on ovals / at cricket nets</p> <p>If not all vaccinated ... you can have a hit of cricket with dependants & 1 other person</p> <p>A coach can instruct 2 people with single / no dose vaccination status (or 5 if all vaccinated)</p>	<p>No matches v other opponents</p> <p>Organised training permitted No group size limit (however small separated groups recommended)</p> <p>No spectators allowed (only those who need to be there)</p> <p>Change rooms / social rooms to remain closed (except toilet access)</p> <p>Centre wicket training & match simulation training permitted (no club v club sessions)</p>

@ 70% DOUBLE DOSE (approx. Oct 26)

METRO (25 KM LIMIT)	REGIONAL VIC
<p>No matches v other opponents</p> <p>Organised training permitted No group size limit</p> <p>No spectators allowed (only those who need to be there)</p> <p>Change rooms / social rooms to remain closed (except toilet access)</p> <p>Centre wicket training & match simulation training permitted – no club v club sessions</p>	<p>No matches v other opponents</p> <p>Organised training permitted Spectators allowed (up to 100 people max per venue)</p> <p>Woolworths Cricket Blast Program possible (in line with density limits) – however highly recommended to commence after reaching 80% double dose vaccination levels</p> <p>Canteen / bars can be open in line with food, drink & liquor licence rules – outdoor consumption (up to people max.)</p>

@ 80% DOUBLE DOSE (approx. Nov 5)

STATEWIDE

Matches permitted

Training permitted

No group size limit

Woolworths Cricket Blast permitted

Spectators permitted (up to 1:2sqm outdoors - max. 500 & 1:4sqm indoors – max. 150)

Metro maximum travel distance removed

Indoor cricket training & matches allowed (1:4sqm – up to 150 max)

Changerooms, social rooms, canteens open in line with density rules

As noted, the above is a w.i.p draft high-level guide only and is subject to change. More information will be provided asap after confirmation from the State Government.

SEASON START DATES

Cricket Victoria (CV) acknowledges that each Association will set their specific starting date based on the position of their Clubs / Executive based on their local needs – so long as it does not breach public health orders. For those seeking guidance, CV recommend that all competitions consider setting their round one fixtures to commence from the weekend after Melbourne Cup week – November 13/14 – with only one day / T20 matches scheduled for the season.

Given the season delay, potential for localised lockdowns and the expected wetter than normal summer ahead, delaying the season too far will further erode the chance of maximising the number of matches played yet this date should allow adequate notice for confirming the season start after reaching the 80% double dose target.

For Metro based comps it is acknowledged that is far from ideal preparation towards a round one clash on November 13/14 noting the travel limitations and delay to training sessions, however all clubs are in similar situations. For all of October, players can have a hit of cricket in nets and on ovals within 15km and if all are vaccinated this can be a group of 5. This ramps up to attending club organised training sessions from 70% Double dose targets around the end of October and allowing for multiple training sessions before round one.

For most comps, a November 13/14 start will allow 14 rounds that sees everyone playing each opponent home and away through the year before March finals N.B.: The vaccination trigger targets are the critical milestones, not the estimated dates – i.e. cricket matches cannot start until at least after we reach 80% double dose vaccination.

ONGOING ADVICE

Please continue to check out the COVID-19 section of the CV website regularly for updates as they come to hand via <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/covid-19/>

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