

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (September 9, 2021)

COVID-19 plans

All Cricket Associations and Clubs should have their COVID-19 plan in place before training, matches or face to face meetings commence for this summer. A simple editable COVID-9 plan template (very similar to the 2020/21 version) is available via the resources section of the COVID-19 page of the Cricket Victoria (CV) website – [direct link here](#).

Protocols / signage

Signage, training and match day requirements from 2020/21 remain in place for 2021/22 noting the following:

- QR code check-in is imperative for all cricket activities. Only the free Services Victoria QR code can be used. For any Associations / Clubs that don't already have these forms – [direct link here](#)
- There are 30 downloadable documents, signs and posters available via the CV website – [direct link here](#) - including posters in English & other languages outlining the key training & match day requirements

FAQ's / COVID-19 latest

- Continue to check out the CV website for the latest [Frequently Asked Questions](#) which are adjusted regularly based on the latest information from the State Government.
- The regular CV updates and a table of restrictions are available under the [COVID-19 latest](#) header

Vaccination levels critical for cricket to return

As noted in the update from September 1st, the earlier that Victoria reaches 70% & 80% single & double dose vaccination levels, the earlier that State Government imposed restrictions will be eased to allow community cricket to return. CV is not yet aware of what (if any) requirements the State Government may impose regarding vaccination requirements for involvement in indoor or outdoor community sport.

Reminder - promotion of 'at home' activities for juniors – all free resources

Keeping kids active – especially during lockdowns – remains important for a range of reasons. Cricket clubs and parents of junior cricketers – particularly those remaining in lockdown status in Melbourne - are encouraged to play an active role by considering use of the following resources:

["Anywhere Blast"](#)

Anywhere Blast is a great at-home program perfect for kids to practise their skills before their Woolworths Cricket Blast program begins!

[Cricket Aust. coach resources](#)

The CA coaching website and free App have fantastic resources incl. videos & tips for juniors, coaches and parents to consider during & after lockdown.



Season start dates

CV acknowledge the complexity for Community Associations in seeking to schedule the season ahead and for Local Governments to plan for preparation of grounds / wickets. The complexity includes the different timings of when Metropolitan and Regional areas 'open up' – even more challenging for those Associations that cross between both areas or cross the border of either NSW or SA. To assist in analysing options, CV hosted a webinar / conversation with Association and Local Government representatives this week (September 7th) to address options based on when the State Government may allow cricket training and cricket matches to commence.

Cricket Victoria is currently working with the State Government regarding the proposed roadmap for return of Community Cricket and will share when this is approved for release.

Regional Victoria – Eased restrictions from 11.59pm Thursday 9th:

Training: can resume

With the announcement that Regional Victoria will see eased restrictions from 11.59pm from Thursday 9th September, 2021, the following should be noted:

- Clubs should first check with their council about when they can actually return to training & whether clubrooms will be opened as yet
- Clubs still need to have their COVID-19 plan in place and commit to having QR code signage in place for all attendees, adequate sanitiser available, ensure that 1.5m distance is maintained at all times, all players & officials have face mask on when not batting, bowling, fielding etc.
- Coaches are allowed to attend training however spectators are not permitted at this stage – aside from a parent/guardian as required. Clubs should operate on the basis of only those who need to attend.
- Metropolitan based players cannot travel to regional Victoria for training at present
- At this stage, CV recommend that group sizes should be kept as small as possible (up to a team size) and groups do not mix before, during or after training (always maintain a 1.5m distance). The bigger the distance between groups (& the smaller the group size), the less chance of a COVID-19 infected person spreading the virus to other groups.
- See the table on the page to follow for more details

Matches: cannot resume. Exact date remains TBC

Metropolitan LGA's – Nets:

Subject to how quickly Victoria reaches the 70% single dose COVID-19 vaccination levels, it is hoped that cricket in Metropolitan Melbourne could be only days away from a form of 'modified' training in preparation for the season ahead.

Whilst CV would like to see nets open for public use for those within 5km of their local oval & with COVID-19 practices in place, we can confirm that the State Government would prefer that Metropolitan nets remain closed at this stage. This position may change by the end of next week in line with possible opening of skate parks, outdoor gym equipment etc. Stay tuned for the latest updates as they come to hand from the State Government.

Summary of current restrictions table (as at 9/9/21)

Community cricket COVID-19 guide Check the Vic Government website for more detailed & updated information https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/	METRO	REGIONAL		
	CURRENT: "LOCKDOWN" Thurs 5 Aug (8pm) onwards <i>info as at 9/9/21</i>	CURRENT: "LOCKDOWN" Thur 9 Sept (11.59pm) onwards <i>info as at 9/9/21</i>	PREVIOUS: STATEWIDE "EASED RESTRICTIONS" 28 JULY - 5 AUGUST (8pm)	PREVIOUS REGIONAL: "LOCKDOWN" Sat 21 Aug (1pm) to Thurs 9 Sept (11.59pm)
	METROPOLITAN	REGIONAL	STATEWIDE	REGIONAL
MATCHES				
Playing junior matches (incl WWCB)?	X	X	✓	X
Playing senior matches?	X	X	✓	X
Number of players per team	N/A	N/A	Normal team size (e.g. 11 v 11)	N/A
Sanitiser frequency?	N/A	N/A	Max 20 overs	N/A
Masks required?	N/A	N/A	YES - except while batting, bowling, fielding	N/A
Are spectators allowed?	N/A	N/A	No. Only players, coaches, scorers, umpires, parents/guardians.	N/A
Are Indoor Cricket matches allowed?	N/A	N/A	Yes - subject to 1:4sqm (max of 100 'per space')	N/A
QR code check-ins required & monitored?	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
TRAINING				
Ovals & nets open for any form of training?	X	✓	✓	X
Nets open for any public use?	x	✓	✓	X
Training group size?	N/A	Team size max (e.g. 11). Small groups recommended.	10 per group	N/A
Can equipment (including balls) be shared?	N/A	✓	After sanitisation	N/A
Maximum number of people allowed to train?	N/A	TBC. Likely 1:4sqm per venue	1:4sqm or Max. 300 ppl	N/A
Distance between training groups?	N/A	Reasonable distance. All attendees keep 1.5m apart at all times.	Reasonable distance. Keep separated at all times.	N/A
Masks required?	N/A	YES - except while actively batting, bowling, fielding	YES - except while batting, bowling, fielding	N/A
Are spectators allowed?	N/A	NO. Only players, coaches, scorers, umpires, parents/guardians.	NO. Only players, coaches, scorers, umpires, parents/guardians.	N/A
Is indoor training allowed?	N/A	TBC	Yes - subject to 1:4sqm (max of 100 'per space')	N/A
QR code check-ins required & monitored?	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
FACILITY ACCESS				
Number of people in changerooms?	N/A	TBC asap. Possibly 1:4sqm & only those who need to be at training	1:4sqm	N/A
Number of people in social rooms?	N/A	TBC asap. Possibly 1:4sqm & only those who need to be at training	1:4sqm N.B.: No spectators allowed	N/A
Turf wicket preparation?	Yes - subject to written council approval, worker permit & COVID safe practices	✓	✓	Yes - subject to written council approval, worker permit & COVID safe practices
Canteens open for use?	N/A	TBC. Unlikely for training at present.	✓	N/A
Masks required?	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
QR code check-ins required & monitored?	N/A	✓	✓	N/A
<p>N.B.: The above is a summary for guidance only at the time of publishing. Latest changes highlighted in red text & yellow background. 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, Check-in with Services Vic QR code, regular hand hygiene & if unwell stay away & get tested</p>				

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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