



Cricket ACT COVID-19 Supplement Playing Conditions

APPLICATION

These Supplementary Playing Conditions shall apply to all matches in ACT Premier Cricket and ACT Junior Cricket

The Rules of the all ACT Cricket Competitions provide the ability for the relevant Competitions Manager to alter the playing conditions of any match or matches due to conditions or circumstances that may affect the health or safety of players and/or umpires. The following alterations to the playing conditions for all competition matches are made by the competition's manager in accordance with that provision.

This document is supplementary playing conditions of Cricket ACT relating to health and safety of Players and Umpires.

This document will have effect from the beginning of the 2020/21 ACT Competitions and continue in effect until it is revoked by the relevant Competitions Manager.

THE UMPIRES

(Umpires changing ends) shall not apply. The umpires shall not change ends during the match.

THE WICKETS

- a) Each umpire shall be responsible for the maintenance of the set of stumps at their end of the pitch prior and during the match.
- b) Each umpire will be required to set up the stumps at their end prior to the time of the toss.
- c) The match stumps are not be used for the purpose of player warm-ups
- d) Additionally, the responsible umpire will be the only person allowed to remake the stumps during play. Where only one umpire is appointed, they shall be responsible for both sets of stumps.

THE INNINGS

a) At the coin toss, each umpire and both captains must maintain physical distancing requirements (1.5m) with the umpire to supply their own coin and be responsible for the toss of the coin. The away team captain shall call.

b) Physical team sheets shall be used and be available for perusal at the toss. Prior to the toss each captain shall show the opposing captain and the umpires the team sheet for their team. An umpire shall take a photograph of both team sheets prior to the toss. The umpire shall keep the photograph of both team sheets until the end of the season. It is an option for either captain to take a photograph of the opposition team sheet. Each captain shall retain their team sheet for the duration of the match.

THE BALL

At the taking of a wicket, or at any interval for drinks, the player who last fielded the ball will be responsible for placing it next to the stumps at the end of the pitch where the next ball/over will be bowled.

Should the umpire need to inspect the ball, the fielding captain should be instructed to present the ball to the umpire who will then visually inspect the condition of the ball. Should any repair work be required, or the umpire wishes to further inspect the shape of the ball, they may undertake this work personally. However, umpire(s) should sanitise their hands immediately before and after completing the work on the ball.

It is an offence for any player to take any action which changes the condition of the ball.

Except in carrying out their normal duties, a batsman is not allowed to wilfully damage the ball other than, when the ball is in play, in striking it with the bat.

A fielder may, however:

a) polish the ball on their clothing provided that no artificial substance or saliva/sweat is used and that such polishing wastes no time.

b) remove mud from the ball under the supervision of an umpire.

c) dry a wet ball on a piece of cloth that has been approved by the umpires.

If the umpires believe that saliva/sweat has been applied to the ball, the umpires shall:

- a) If it is a first instance during an innings, summon the captain of the fielding side and issue a first warning.
- b) If it is a second instance during an innings, summon the captain of the fielding side and issue a second and final warning and warn the captain of the fielding side that any further such offence by any member of the team during the innings shall result in the award of 5 Penalty runs to the batting side.
- c) If it is a third or subsequent instance, award 5 Penalty runs to the batting side.
- d) The ball shall not be changed, but the umpires shall wipe the ball with an appropriate cloth.

STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT DURING PLAY

1) Bowler fielding on the boundary

At the conclusion of the previous over, the new bowler must place their equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc.), over the nearest boundary point to where they are currently fielding. The equipment can be collected by the individual at the completion of the over. The process can be repeated until the end of the bowler's spell. At no stage shall the umpire be required to hold/handle the players' equipment during the match.

2) Bowler fielding in the infield

a) At the conclusion of the previous over, the new bowler, currently fielding in the infield, can undertake either of the following actions (whichever is the quickest option).

b) Place their equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc), on the ground directly behind the wicketkeeper (like a fielder's helmet). The bowler is responsible for the storage and collection of the material from this area. Should the ball strike this equipment during play, the ball shall be called (by either umpire) and become dead, as normally this material would not be stored in this area (there will be no award of 5 run penalty in this instance).

c) Place their equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc), on the ground directly behind bowler's end wicket and in line with where the bowler commences their run-up. The bowler is responsible for the storage and collection of the material from this area. Should the ball strike this equipment during play, the ball shall be called (by either umpire) and become dead, as normally this material would not be stored in this area (there will be no award of 5 penalty runs in this instance).

d) Place their equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc), over the nearest boundary point to the end they are bowling from.

e) At no stage shall the umpire be required to hold/handle the players' equipment during the match.

Wicketkeeper/Fielder's Helmet

No change from the normal playing conditions and laws of cricket around the storage of equipment on the field. However, everyone is responsible for the carrying of their own equipment to and from the normal storage position.

MATCHES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Given the current climate facing the Australian community there may be instances where matches are impacted by either a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. In these instances, ACT Premier Cricket players, officials and coaches must adhere to the COVID-19 testing and quarantine protocols outlined by the ACT Government. However, given this situation is external to cricket, and often no fault can be attributed to participants who are suspected of having or have a confirmed case of COVID-19, any ACT Premier Cricket match impacted by COVID-19 would be determined by an abandoned/drawn match unless a first innings result had been achieved prior to it being impacted by COVID-19 issues.

The following procedures will apply moving forward for ACT Premier Cricket, unless superseded by ACT Government COVID-19 requirements (e.g. testing, isolation and quarantine):

- (1) If there is a **suspected** case of Coronavirus prior to the match the player/coach/official is to be tested in line with ACT Government protocols and fully isolated. That player/official/coach cannot be selected for the match unless they are cleared of carrying the virus prior to the toss. They cannot re-join the match at a later time if they have had it confirmed that they are negative.
- (2) If there is a **suspected** case of Coronavirus during the match the player/coach/official is to be tested in line with ACT Government protocols and fully isolated. That player/official/coach can be substituted out of the match, similar to an Injury Replacement that currently exists in the ACT Premier Cricket Playing Conditions
- (3) If there is a **confirmed** case of Coronavirus prior to the match the player/coach/official and their team/squad are to be tested in line with ACT Government protocols and fully isolated immediately. Unless a team/squad can be completely cleared of carrying the virus prior to the match, that team shall not compete in the match and the match shall be abandoned.
- (4) If there is a **confirmed** case of Coronavirus during the match the player/coach/official and their team/squad are to be tested in line with ACT Government protocols and fully isolated immediately. The match shall be abandoned, unless a first innings result has already been achieved prior to the abandonment of the match.

Note: *In the instances where a player/coach/official is either:*

- (1) being cleared of carrying the Coronavirus prior to the toss*
- (2) being substituted out of the match through a suspected*
- (3) a confirmed case of Coronavirus prior to the match*
- (4) a confirmed case of Coronavirus during the match*

The relevant Premier Club needs to provide ACT Cricket with official written confirmation from a medical professional.