



EYCL COVID-19 GUIDELINES

BEFORE THE MATCH

Before coming to the ground, all players, umpires, coaches, and parents should:

- Ensure that they **have packed all cricket equipment, food, and water necessary for the match.**
- Ensure that they **have a face mask** and other sanitary items (ex: sanitizer, hand wipes, etc.).
- Bring a foldable chair for yourself to sit on.
- Familiarize yourself with USA Cricket's [COVID-19 Return to Cricket Guidelines](#).

DO NOT come to the ground if any one of the following is true:

- You have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness or are otherwise feeling unwell.
- If you or anyone in your household has come into contact with someone in the last 14 days who either 1) was diagnosed with COVID-19 or 2) has shown symptoms of COVID-19.
- If you or any other member of your household has within the last 14 days, travelled to a state which has been designated as an **"impacted state"** by the New Jersey Department of Health. **This list is subject to change and individuals should regularly check the website for changes.**

At the time of writing, this includes the following states: **Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.**

In any of the cases above, contact appropriate league officials or your team coach at the earliest opportunity.

MATCH DAY

Guidelines regarding setting up of equipment and conduct while outside the boundary:

- All individuals should set up all of their belongings, chairs, and other equipment **at least 6 feet** from the boundary edge and **at least 6 feet** from other individual's belongings.
 - **It is strongly recommended that parents, children, and any other members of their respective household set up their belongings, chairs, and equipment in the same area.** This is to save space so that other families can also maintain **at least 6 feet** of social distancing.
 - When setting up belongings, chairs, and equipment, make sure to keep them in a concise area as possible. This is to save space so that other families can also maintain **at least 6 feet** of social distancing.
 - However, **DO NOT LITTER**. All individuals are responsible for picking up their own trash. Failure to do so will lead to sanctions from the league.
- **ALL INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY MUST WEAR A MASK** at all times while outside of their vehicle (unless individual is eating).
 - Individuals do not have to wear a mask while inside their vehicle. While making trips between their belongings and vehicle, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals.
 - Umpire may take off mask in between deliveries if necessary as long as the umpire moves to a location at least 6 feet apart from other individuals before taking off mask. Umpire shall put the mask back on after catching their breath.
- **DO NOT share cricket equipment, food, water, chairs, sanitization tools, masks, or other belongings with other individuals.**
- DO NOT use benches, even if they are present. Individuals may either sit on the ground, in their own portable chair, or in their car.
- Parents should not leave the ground after bringing their child and should stay for the duration of the match.
 - If anything were to happen to a player (ex: injury), only the parents are able to help due to social distancing rules.

Guidelines regarding on field play:

- Toss:
 - Only the umpire and home team captain will attend the toss.
 - **Home team must bring their own coin.**
 - Team lists shall not be physically shared between captains and umpire. However, the captain shall verbally tell the umpire the names of all players on their team and the umpire shall note the players' names on their own paper.
- Umpires are to stand at least 3 feet behind the stumps if at the non-striker's end.
- It is recommended that all individuals **sanitize their hands immediately before coming onto the field and immediately after leaving the field.**
- Masks:
 - **Both umpires are required to wear masks.**
 - Players do not have to wear a mask while inside the boundary. It is however, recommended to wear a mask if a player is wicketkeeping, fielding in the slip cordon, or fielding near the square leg umpire.
 - However, **all players upon leaving the field of play must wear a mask as soon as possible.**
- Umpires will ensure that the following social distancing rules are being followed while a game is active.

- Drinks and Lunch Break Intervals
 - All individuals must **return to their belongings during each drinks break and lunch interval**. Individuals may only eat and drink while at their belongings or vehicle.
 - If any player on the field needs water, then the player's parents (or other family member) may come onto the field at the end of the over to deliver water. Any water bottles used must be taken by the parents/guardian off the field.
 - In the case of two individuals who are related and need water at the same time (ex: two batsmen who are brothers want water at the end of the over), then water may be run out to both of them. However, each player receives a different bottle and each bottle must be delivered by a separate parent/guardian.
- Ball Maintenance
 - Players **DO NOT shine the cricket ball with any bodily fluids**.
 - 2 balls will be used in the games so as to minimize wear and tear.
 - Players **DO NOT directly hand the ball to other players** and that **players and coaches stay 6 feet apart where possible**.
 - Players should instead toss the ball to each other.
 - Players should not intentionally damage the ball.
 - Players are not to hand the ball to the umpire. Either the captain or the bowler shall keep the ball with them throughout the over.
- Players and coaches **DO NOT congregate/huddle or have team meetings** unless absolutely necessary.
 - Such meetings should only happen while the ball is dead and shall not cause undue delay to the start or restart of play.
 - In all such meetings, all participants shall be at least 6 feet apart. If such a meeting is outside the boundary, all individuals should also be wearing a mask.
- Players and coaches **DO NOT intentionally come into contact** with another player, umpire, or other individual at any time for any reason.
 - Contact that came about due to violent or threatening behavior will be dealt with under the relevant provisions of Law 42 (Player's Conduct) of the EYCL Complete Playing Conditions.
 - Contact that came about as a result of celebrations (ex: handshakes, fist bumps) will be dealt with under provisions below. .
 - Physical contact while in the course of running between the wickets or fielding the ball shall not be penalized as long as contact was inadvertent or unavoidable.
- Players **must not give personal items (ex: hats, sunglasses, etc.) to the umpire**.
 - Direct players to place items either outside the boundary with the rest of their belongings or at least 6 feet behind and in-line with the wicketkeeper.
 - If items are placed behind the wicketkeeper, and the cricket ball makes contact with the items while in play, then no penalty runs are awarded to the batting side. However, if the ball also makes contact with any helmet that is placed behind the wicketkeeper, then 5 penalty runs shall be awarded to the batting side.
- Players and coaches **go back to their respective belongings or vehicles during breaks in play and do not congregate**.
- Players and coaches **DO NOT share cricket equipment, food, water, chairs, sanitization tools, masks, or other belongings with other individuals**.
- The protocol for dealing with incidents of repeated transgressions of social distancing rules:
 - An individual's First offense = Warning
 - Second Offense = 5 penalty runs to opposing team + 5 over suspension
 - Third Offense = 5 penalty runs to opposing team + 10 over suspension
 - Fourth Offense = 5 penalty runs + Suspension for duration of game
 - If an individual is suspended, that individual must return to their vehicle for duration of suspension

SCORERS

Any parent/family member/volunteer must adhere to the following guidelines with the following modifications below:

- In addition to making sure that you and your child have packed all cricket equipment, food, water, face masks, sanitary tools, chairs, and other belongings for the match, **scorers should also ensure that they have all equipment necessary for scoring**.
 - This means bringing your own score sheets and writing utensils for paper scoring and a fully charged phone with a charged battery pack for electronic scoring.
- This year, **EYCL will not be providing scorebooks for scorers. Scorers will have to get their own**.
- Just like in years past, each team will supply one scorer, one of whom will do electronic and the other doing paper scoring.
- It is especially important this year that scorers are prepared for both paper and electronic scoring. Due to social distancing rules, phones and battery packs, scoresheets, and writing utensils cannot be shared.
- Unlike the other parents, scorers must set up their belongings separately from their child so that you may be visible to the umpire.
 - Ensure that your belongings are at least 6 feet from the boundary and at least 6 feet from other individuals.
 - You are allowed to help your child set up their belongings and are able to visit your child during breaks in play and are allowed to give water during breaks in play.
- **DO NOT** leave the ground after bringing your child.
 - In addition, no one can take over scoring since they cannot share scoresheets, writing utensils, phones, or battery packs due to social distancing rules.