



MCA COVID-SAFETY RULES

Clubs are required to follow these Covid-safety measures in all MCA matches until further notice:

Covid Safety officers: Each team in a match must have a Covid Safety officer present. This must be a player other than the captain, or a non-playing member, who has completed the online Infection Control course. They are responsible for ensuring team compliance to these measures.

No communal drinks or tea: Each player must bring their own tea and drinks (clubs may sell packaged foods subject to safe handling). Food, drink, bottles etc cannot be shared.

Minimal use of change-rooms: Players must arrive in whites or change outdoors where possible

Sanitiser spray: Each side must bring 2 x 250ml bottles fast-dry sanitiser spray, min 70% alcohol, for their players' use

Attendance register: Home side must record names & phone nos. of all players, umpires and scorers in the match via QR code or attendance book. A pre-printed player sheet from each team is acceptable.

Sanitisation on arrival: Players must sanitise hands on arrival

Masks to be worn: Players must wear masks when not on the field or actively warming up. Umpires and scorers must remain masked.

Bails and stumps: Home side must sanitise the bails and stumps immediately before ump's take them

Naming of teams: Teams must be named before the toss on MyCricket, not on a team-sheet. Last two players are provisional (below A Grade)

Payment of umpires: must be done at the ground by smartphone EFT and not by cash

Scorers' tables: Home sides must supply a separate table for each scorer

Social distancing: must be maintained when off the field

Spectators: must be asked politely to remain away from the players' area, or to record name in attendance book if they decline

Warm-ups: No "team game" warm-ups (eg mini-soccer, touch football etc etc)

Saliva and sweat: may not be used on the ball (5-run penalty)

Huddles etc banned: No huddles, high-fives, intimate captain-bowler or batsman-batsman chats

Protective gear sharing: may only occur if sanitised between users

Fielding side's sanitiser spray: must be left with ump's, or placed at base of stumps each end if ump's prefer

Batting side's spray: must be available for use by scorers and opposing 12th player as well as themselves

Sanitizing of hands: must be done by all on-field and off-field players except current WK and batsmen at start of play, after drinks and innings, and every 7-8 overs in between

Sanitizing of ball: must be done by spray before innings and when players sanitise hands. One spray each side, by umpire, who then sanitises hands

Bowler's cap & jumper: if not left off field, must be folded compactly at top of run-up in line with stumps, no penalty for ball striking them. (Or left with WK helmet but normal penalty applies if ball strikes)

At fall of wicket: Ball to be placed beside bowling end stumps or rolled to umpire

Repair of stumps: must be done by an umpire or gloved WK or batsman

At end of play: Players must sanitise hands after collecting cones, stumps

Washroom door-handles & taps: must be sanitised after play, as well as other high-touch areas

Breaches: of a significant nature of these measures are a hazard to all in the match. They should be reported by umpires or by covid safety officers of opposing sides. Photo evidence is helpful in addressing issues.

Penalties including fines, loss of points or loss of the match may apply, depending on the nature of the breach.

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