

ST.GEORGES CRICKET CLUB - Guidelines for matches and practice

Before travelling to cricket

- Do not attend if you have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, or if you have suspected Covid-19 symptoms, or if anyone in your household does.
- Bring hand sanitiser, food and drink with you. There are no teas provided in the 2021 season. Wash your hands before leaving home.
- Car sharing is allowed. Government guidelines for travel should be observed.

Arrival and parking

- Please do not park on hatched areas and please leave disabled spaces free for those who need them.
- On match days the main car parks may be full. Additional parking is available on the north end of the ground - access via track on west (church) side of ground (max. 5 mph please!) . ***Please do not park on Church Street as this causes a traffic bottleneck and compromises safety.***
- Changing rooms may be used, subject to a limit of **4** people maximum at a time in main building changing rooms and **6** at a time in old pavilion changing rooms.

Toilets etc.

- Strict hygiene must be observed. Sanitise hands on entry and exit. Disinfectant and hand sanitiser is provided in toilets. Flush toilet after use and clean all touchpoints.

Match Play and Practice

- When entering bar area, sanitise hands.
- A defibrillator is available at all times. It is mounted on the wall to the left of the entrance to the bar.
- Social distancing should be observed during both practice and match play (exceptions: wicket keeper and slip fielders). Avoid team “huddles” including during breaks, following a wicket etc. Avoid passing the ball around the fielders - the ball should wherever possible be returned directly to the bowler.
- No sweat or saliva to be applied to the ball at any time. No spitting.
- ***In both practice and matches***, a hygiene break should take place every 6 overs or 20 minutes. In matches the fielding captain sanitises the ball (not umpire). All players should sanitise hands, using either their own sanitiser or that provided by St.Georges. In group fielding practice sessions all balls and equipment used must be sanitised.
- Batsmen should sanitise bats when leaving the field and wicket keepers should sanitise their gloves.
- Non striking batsman should be positioned wide of the crease, and both batsmen when running should run on opposite sides, wide of the crease, to maintain distance from bowler, wicketkeeper and umpire.
- Equipment should not be shared, but if unavoidable, must be sanitised if passed to another user.
- Only the umpires will remake the wicket, and the umpires will not touch the ball, nor will they hold clothing for players.

- It is not necessary for away teams to provide a scorer, and only one person at a time is to be in the scoreboard. When scoring outside, social distancing from players and any second scorer must be maintained.
- When rain stops play: Maintain social distancing. Gazebos, when used, may be used to protect kitbags. Do not huddle beneath them. Return to cars if unable to find socially distanced cover.
- When taking refreshment breaks, maintain social distancing, do not share food or drink and clear away your litter immediately.

Away Matches

- St.Georges teams visiting other clubs must take care to observe the guidelines and rules which apply at the host club. Captains should make themselves aware of these on arrival, and inform team members accordingly. Check the [SCCL website](#) for further information.

On conclusion of match / practice session

- Again avoid close contact with team mates and opponents. No handshaking etc is currently allowed.
- All participants sanitise hands and equipment.
- Nets: Clean touchpoints, store away equipment and lock nets.
- Store away and secure all equipment. Return sanitising materials to pavilion in boxes provided.
- Replace covers as requested by groundsman, taking care to maintain distance from others.
- Discovery of any subsequent Covid-19 infection should be reported to St.Georges CC as soon as possible.

Applicable from 24 July 2021