



2020/21 COVID specific playing conditions – SENIORS

The following playing conditions as determined by the FTGDCA Executive replace, override or are in addition to any playing conditions that are detailed in the FTGDCA rules.

Game Day

All players, supporters and members are required to comply with the COVID Safety Plan of the home club and the association.

- Check in via QR Code or via 1breadcrumb when arriving.
- If playing at a venue where no QR Code or 1breadcrumb is available, the Captain of each side is to ensure that a manual register is completed of players and their supporters that are in attendance
- Hand sanitize when arriving.
- Home teams are to provide the hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes for both clubs. Where games are played on neutral or shared grounds and there are no facilities, each Captain is to provide hand sanitizer and wipes for their own team.
- Wear masks unless batting, bowling or fielding. (batsmen waiting to **bat are to wear masks**)
- Adhere to social distancing rules.

Prior to the start of the game

- When tossing of the coin at the start of the match, the person tossing the coin is required to keep the coin. Best advice here is for the home Captain to use their own coin and conduct the toss and then pocket the coin.
- Team Sheets are **not** to be exchanged between teams or given to the umpires. They are to be completed and left in the scorebook or be available to be viewed on MyCricket. The Umpire and opposing Captains can elect to take a photo of the team sheet.

During the Game

Divisions 1 – 4 Only

- Bowling at one end – bowling spells are to be **10 overs** at each end before changing ends.
- The umpires can elect to swap with each other at any stage during the game.

All Divisions

- At the completion of every **10 overs**, all players and umpires are required to sanitize their hands. A nominated player from the bowling side is also to sanitize the ball with an alcohol wipe. A rubbish bag is to be provided for used wipes and that bag is to be disposed of after the game.
- The home team is expected to provide hand sanitizer for the both teams and umpires.
- Umpires are **not** to touch the ball during the game.
- Umpires are **not** to hold a bowler or any players attire such as jumper and cap.
- Bowlers attire such as jumper or cap are to be placed by the bowler themselves at the nearest of the following three locations:
 - Over the boundary at any point; or
 - At a point at least 3m behind the keeper in line with the stumps; or
 - At a point at least 3m behind the umpire at the bowlers end in line with the stumps (e.g. at the top of run-up).
- When a bowlers attire is left on the field behind the stumps as detailed in the previous bullet point, they should be placed so they are no wider than the width of the stumps and if struck the ball is declared a 'dead ball' and re-bowled (except for helmets and fielding equipment).
- When a wicket is taken, the ball is **not** to be given to the umpire. The ball is to be placed on the pitch in clear sight of the umpires.

Use of Saliva on the ball (*this will be reviewed later in the season depending upon reported frequency*)

- If a player is spotted using saliva to clean the ball, the player is to take the ball off the ground to clean the ball using an alcohol wipe. If a player elects to carry a pack of alcohol wipes onto the ground they, they can give the player an alcohol wipe rather than the player going off the ground.
- If a player repeatedly uses saliva to clean or shine a ball, the umpire will address the issue with the Captain of the fielding team to ensure that it stops. Where no official umpires are in attendance, the Captains of the teams involved are to ensure that the issue does not become one of confrontation or conflict.
- If a player or Captain makes no effort to reduce or stop using saliva on the ball
 - Where an official umpire is in attendance, the umpire will refer the matter to the umpires advisor and FTGDCA Executive.
 - Where no official umpire is in attendance, the Captain is to advise their own club COVID Safety Officer and President to refer the matter to the FTGDCA Executive

Use of Sweat on the ball

- No player can deliberately use sweat to shine the ball. **By deliberately using sweat** – this means transferring sweat directly from the skin onto the ball. If detected by an umpire that player is to go off the ground and sanitize the ball.

The voice of reason – this is a particularly difficult rule to police without potentially causing friction. A bowler returning to their bowling mark is most likely wiping sweat from their face. They are then given the ball by a teammate. They are not expected to have completely dry hands when this happens or else a game could go on all night. Likewise, if any player is shining the ball on their clothing there is a likelihood that the clothing is damp with sweat also and that cannot be policed either. **Be sensible with this one.**

Role of Official Umpires

Official Umpires are not present to enforce COVID policies such as social distancing, wearing of masks etc. Their only role is to ensure that the ball is cleaned every 10 overs, or cleaned should a player is discovered to be using saliva or sweat on the ball and players hand sanitize every 10 overs.

- Umpires are required to wear a mask whilst umpiring unless they have a medical exemption.

Role of Club Umpires

This is where there are no official umpires:

- Umpires are required to wear masks whilst umpiring unless they have a medical exemption.

Drinks Breaks

- There are to be no shared drinks at scheduled drinks breaks.
- There is to be no shared food amongst the teams at any stage
- Running drinks out to batsmen or fielders during a game can only be done using drinks bottles assigned to the players. No shared drinks.

Tea Break

There is to be no shared food or shared drinks.

Cricket Balls

This season there is may be times when there is a shortage of balls stamped FTGDCA. As long as the ball is a kookaburra the game can proceed.

Easing of Restrictions

Should restrictions ease, these playing conditions will be updated to reflect those changes.