

New Zealand Cricket COVID-19 Level 3 – Step 2 Guide

With the new 3 step approach, New Zealand Cricket has developed a COVID-19 guideline to assist with ensuring all participants remain safe and play and train within what is currently permitted. Your local DA/MA can provide you with support and answer any further questions you may have.

Cricket Training Guidelines for Alert Level 3 - Step 2

- You can meet people (up to a maximum of 25 people including coaches) for non-contact cricket activities, without a maximum household limit.
- You must make every endeavor to maintain physical distancing (2 meters) with all others within the group.
- Sharing equipment including balls is permitted but items must be sanitized before and after use.
- Live net training sessions can be undertaken but social distancing guidelines must be observed and any shared equipment must be sanitized before and after use.
- Fielding activities can be undertaken but social distancing guidelines must be observed and any shared equipment must be sanitized before and after use.
- Public outdoor facilities are open (i.e. outdoor parks and fields) but only for activities that meet the government protocols. All indoor venues including training facilities, clubrooms and toilets must remain closed.
- You can travel within your alert level region to get to a destination for sport and recreation (for example, going to a particular park).
- Mask wearing is encouraged at all times when players are not participating in a training session, eg. while waiting for your turn to bat. Non playing members of the group are encouraged to wear masks at all times.
- Food and drink must not be shared at any time.
- Contact tracing remains a key tool in the fight against Covid. All outdoor training facilities (nets) must have a Contact Tracing QR Poster displayed.

Cricket Match Guidelines for Alert Level 3 - Step 2

- Due to the non contact nature of cricket, matches can be undertaken with a designated group of up to 25 individuals. That group would include the following individuals:
 - o Players
 - Coaches/Manager





- Umpires
- o Scorers
- No individual from outside of the designated group of 25 should come in contact with any member of the designated group during a match.
- Sharing equipment including balls is permitted but items must be sanitized before and after use. Umpires or a designated individual within the fielding team should utilize any stoppage in play (eg. drinks break or lunch break) to sanitize the ball.
- All members of the designated group must make every endeavor to maintain social distancing (2m) throughout the course of the match. This includes umpires, scorers and coaches.
- Members of the designated group that are not on the field of play should position themselves in a low thoroughfare area to reduce the chance of interaction with the general public using the park.
- If a park has more than one playing field, more than one gathering can exist provided physical distancing rules are observed. If a ball is hit or thrown onto another ground it must not be handled by members of a different gathering. A member of the gathering where the ball has originated must retrieve the ball.
- Mask wearing is encouraged at all times when players are not participating, eg. while waiting for their turn to bat. Non playing members of the group are encouraged to wear masks at all times.
- Food and drink must not be shared at any time.
- Contact tracing remains a key tool in the fight against Covid. All outdoor facilities must have a Contact Tracing QR Poster displayed and participants should be actively encouraged to scan in on arrival.
- All indoor venues such as training facilities, club rooms and toilets must remain closed.

Where there is doubt or confusion regarding any of the above guidelines people should favour a cautious approach and refrain from the activity.

For more general COVID-19 information visit the government website: <u>https://covid19.govt.nz/</u>

For more sport specific COVID-19 information visit the Sport New Zealand website: https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-alert-level-3-step-2/

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