

Ivanhoe Cricket Club

Guidance for the benefit of Ivanhoe playing members and attendees following Coronavirus.

Ivanhoe Cricket Club welcomes the return of local club cricket but understands the concerns that individual members and players may have. This Guidance is therefore produced with the welfare of players and members in mind and is based on the 'ECB RETURN TO CRICKET PLAN STEP 4, July 2020'. In part, this Guidance repeats the advice contained in that document. For a full reading of the ECB Plan go to: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/1657168/cricket-and-covid-19-your-questions-answered> and click on the link to 'detailed guidance document'.

All Matches – Home and Away

Unless advised differently prior to a match, players should assume that changing facilities and showers will not be available. Players should therefore arrive in, and go home in, their whites.

All attendees should bring their own sanitiser where possible, and use it frequently during the course of the game. Ivanhoe will endeavour to provide a 'communal' sanitiser but this cannot be guaranteed.

For the players own benefit and that of their team mates and the opposition, players and other attendees should maintain social distancing at all times, i.e. before and after the match, whilst fielding and whilst batting and viewing from outside the boundary.

Players should bring their own equipment, e.g. bat, batting gloves, etc., and keep this separate from other players and attendees. Any player not having some or any of their own equipment should make this known to the captain. A limited club 'bag' may be available but it will be essential that a player using any club equipment wipes/sanitises this before and after use. A cloth and sanitiser will be provided.

The cricket ball. No sweat or saliva shall be applied to the ball at any time. Bowlers wishing to shine the ball should carry their own freshly cleaned cloth, with no agents applied.

Whenever possible, the ball should be returned direct from the wicket-keeper to the bowler.

Bowlers should not hand personal items to the umpire. Any discarded clothing should be placed on the boundary directly behind the non-strike wicket.

When batting, the strike batsman should run on a line approximately extending from his leg-side return crease. The non-strike batsman should, in normal fashion, be on the opposite side of the non-strike wicket to that taken by the bowler (i.e. according to whether the bowler is bowling over or around the wicket) and should run on a line two metres wider/distant from the return crease on his side of the wicket.

A 'hygiene break' shall take place every six overs, in which all players and umpires on the field shall sanitise their hands. Any drinks break shall coincide with one of the hygiene breaks and hands must be sanitised before taking a drink.

Responsibility for sanitising the ball during play rests with the fielding captain, not the umpires.

When a wicket falls, the ball shall be placed at the foot of the wicket at the bowler's end. The ball shall not be held by the umpire.

Umpires should avoid contact with the ball at all times.

Passing of the Scorebook, typically when Ivanhoe is batting, must be limited and the person(s) scoring shall sanitise their hands before and at the end of their scoring 'turn'.

Away Matches

The guidance above is subject to changes that may be requested or advised by the Home Team.

Home Matches

Car Parking. All cars shall be parked in the main car park of the Royal Vet. College, i.e. inside the main College gate and immediately to the right. **This needs to be verified.**

Unless players are advised differently before the game it should be assumed that the Sports Field Changing facility will be shut.

Chairs. ?

Toilets. ?

Stumps and Bails. These will be wiped/sanitised before setting out and at the close of play.

Responsibility/Cloth/Sanitiser?

Teas/Refreshment. Ivanhoe will not provide Tea. Players and attendees should bring their own drinks and food, and ensure social distancing when this is consumed.

We hope the measures described above will be helpful. Our aim is to enable everyone to enjoy the return of cricket and their participation in it, but in a safe manner which is also respectful to others.