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# **#AHST20 – Back to Cricket Guidelines**



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The COVID-19 virus has changed the way the world operates and Cricket is no exception. The purpose of this document is to develop guidelines for “Back to Cricket” in communities especially targeted towards Atlanta Cricket Fields and its associated partners. These guidelines have been developed in consultation with local county officials, experts, medical professionals, and also referring to ICC guidelines.

These guidelines are primarily divided into three sections;

1. Individual Safety and Responsibilities
2. Team Manager and Captain Responsibilities
3. League Operating Procedures and Facility Regulations

Also, the following “on-field protocol” guidelines have been developed primarily keeping the following government regulations in consideration;

- Participant Health
- Social Distancing
- Sanitized and Personalized Equipment
- Education & Awareness
- Transit and Travel Recommendations

## **1. Individual Safety and Responsibilities**

Players are not only responsible for their safety but also the safety of others around them. Following these guidelines are mandatory and no exceptions will be made. Failure to comply with these rules will expel the player from the team, league, and entering the facility.

- Each playing team member should report to the captain regarding their health a day before their scheduled game. A regular temperature check is required to confirm the participant’s health for “ready to play” assessment
- Each player should use their own equipment that includes gloves, guards, pads, helmet, bats and other necessary items to participate in the game
- The player should bring their own sanitizer and use it frequently to keep their hands sanitized
- Players should always maintain six feet social distancing from other team members in the facility
- Close gatherings for team strategy, celebrations can be performed only while maintaining the social distancing guidelines
- Bowlers should not use saliva or sweat on the ball at any point of time during the game
- Players are responsible for their belongings and umpires will not carry any personal belongings of the bowlers
- Players should minimize the ball handling on the field avoiding excessive throws from player to player
- Hygiene practices are highly encouraged with players such as no sharing of water bottles, towels, and the safe management of the ball
- Players do not touch eyes, nose, and mouth after contacting the ball (keep hand sanitizer available all the time)
- All the participants must wear a mask upon entry into the facility and must keep all the times except when actively playing



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- Players are not required to wear mask during on-field play but chose to do so depending on their comfort level
  - Umpires are required to wear the mask on the field during the game

## **2. Team Manager and/or Captain Responsibilities**

Team captains and managers play a crucial role in maintaining the “on-field protocol” of team members before, during, and after the game.

- Team manager / Captain to verify their team member’s health before selecting the final playing eleven
- Team manager/captain to ensure that all their team members are sufficiently equipped with the personal equipment needed for safe playing conditions
- Team manager/captain closely monitor the “on-field protocol” has been followed by each player and any violations will be reported to the league’s disciplinary committee

## **3. League Operating Procedures and Facility Regulations**

- League administration will check the temperature using infrared scanning devices before entering the field.
- League administration will develop scattered schedules to avoid all the teams coming to the ground at the same time
- The cafeteria will be operational, and it will only be carry-out and no seating inside the cafeteria will be allowed
- All portable restrooms will be removed from the facility and only the cafeteria restroom will be functional during the game schedules
- Additional sanitizing equipment will be provided at the restroom for personal hygiene and an employee will be positioned to maintain the cleanliness of the restrooms
- The facility will provide 2-3 tents per ground for the batting team to maintain social distance among the team members
- The facility will remove bleachers from the tents and the players are requested to bring their foldable chair for seating

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