

17th February 2021

Attn: All Teams, Players, Umpires, Scorers and Coaches

Some Club Cricket in Hong Kong is be set to resume from Saturday 20th February 2021.

In continued support of the ongoing efforts to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, and to stay in line with the Social Distancing parameters set by HKSAR Government, the following rules have been put in place for all CHK competitions.

Government Guidelines: Please follow all relevant government health and hygiene guidelines. These can be found here:

https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html#Health_Tips

LEAVE HOME SAFE APP: As per Hong Kong Government guidelines all persons entering grounds are required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code or register their name, contact number and the date and time of the visit before being allowed to enter for necessary contact tracing if a confirmed case is found.

A. Who can take part?

1. Participation in CHK leagues is open to everyone. However, registration for the various leagues must be done through the participating clubs. Only registered players are eligible to take part, and any team fielding an unregistered player is liable to be penalized (see the CHK Playing Conditions for more details).
2. On game day, only those involved with the game in question can attend the venue. That is, only selected players, coaches, match officials, adult supervisors, and other individuals whose presence is deemed necessary by CHK may be present at the ground. Spectators are not allowed.
 - I. While playing matches or training matches, the maximum number of players and referees to be allowed in each playing field/court at any time during competition or training match should follow the rules and regulations of respective sports competition; for Cricket we have 11 players a side (plus a substitute) – total 24 players + 1 coach and 1 manager per side + 2 Scorers and 2 Umpires. (For Premier League matches we have 3 Scorers + 3 Umpires + 1 Match Referee)
3. Furthermore, anyone attending the game must **not** meet any of the following criteria:
 - I. Has been in contact with anyone in quarantine (either at home or a government facility) in the last 14 days
 - II. Has been in contact with anyone who has Covid19 within the last 14 days
 - III. Has been in contact with anyone who has shown any symptoms of Covid-19 within the last 14 days
 - IV. Are living with anyone that meets any of the above criteria.

4. CHK will ensure that all appointed match officials do not meet the above criteria. Club and Team managers are required to ensure that all their selected players, coaches, scorers and adult supervisors do not meet any of the above criteria.

B. On Arrival to the venues

1. In order to adhere with Government group gathering restrictions, individuals should travel to and from venue following Government Guidelines.
2. All individuals will have their temperature checked upon entry at the grounds. Anyone who has a body temperature of 37.6°C and above will be asked to leave the premises and is advised to seek medical attention.
3. All individuals must scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code or sign a Health Declaration Form upon arrival at the venue, and immediately after the temperature check.
4. All individuals are required to arrive ready to play, in order to minimize the amount of time spent in bathrooms and changing rooms.
5. All individuals are recommended to thoroughly clean their hands upon arrival to the ground. Hand sanitizer will be made available at all venues, and CHK recommends everyone to wash their hands with soap and water when facilities allow for it.

C. During the game

Team Behavior

1. Teams are required to **not** shake hands, high five, huddle together, or have any other form of close contact during the match. Cricket is a Non-Contact Sport, so please make all efforts to ensure that this is maintained throughout the game.
2. Teams are required maintain social distancing throughout the game. This means that players should avoid gathering in groups larger than 4 during breaks in play and while waiting for their turn to bat. Players should also ensure a 1.5 metres distance between groups throughout the game.
3. CHK recommends that all players use their own equipment where possible. If equipment must be shared, participants should clean their hands thoroughly before and after use. Towels should not be shared. We recommend cleaning and disinfecting all equipment used during a game once the match is complete.
4. Wherever possible, players must not hold onto belongings for their teammates – e.g. caps, sunglasses, jumpers, etc.
5. Sitting area for Batting side, coaches, officials will be arranged at venue in groups of four. Distance between each group will be 1.5 Meters or more.
6. All players on the field must sanitize their hands at every drinks break. A bottle of hand sanitizer will be kept behind the stumps at the bowlers' end, and the fielding team

should nominate one person that picks up the bottle and gives every player sanitizer throughout the game.

7. Players must bring their own drinks for the game. No food should be consumed at the ground during a match, except for during designated Lunch intervals.

Umpires

8. CHK recommends that all umpires wear a face mask and gloves for the duration of the game.
9. Umpires can **not** accept anything from players. Bowlers should place their belongings either outside of the boundary or behind the bowlers' end stumps while bowling, and should pick them up after they are done.
10. The umpires are responsible for putting the stumps back together if the bails are broken, nobody else.

The Ball

11. There should be no saliva or sweat applied to the ball during the game.
12. Wherever possible the ball should be returned straight back to the bowler, in order to minimize the amount of contact made with the ball during the game.
13. The ball should be placed on the ground next to the stumps at the fall of a wicket or at the end of the over.
14. If the ball gets hit to the boundary then no other person (scorers, substitutes, opposition, etc) must touch the ball. It has to be retrieved by the fielding team.

D. General Precautions

If any of your squad members, coaches, team-mates, scorers or umpires are feeling unwell, please encourage them to seek medical attention and to stay at home.

Please be vigilant with you and your team's hygiene, regularly washing your hands and wearing a face mask when not on field and traveling to and from the venues.

Cricket Hong Kong will continue to monitor developments, liaise with relevant Government Departments, and adjust our approach in accordance with the changing circumstances. We will take a call when appropriate. Cricket Hong Kong hopes that by maintaining clear communication, we can all work together to protect the health of our teams and community in and around CHK.

Regards,
Cricket Hong Kong