



27th March 2021

GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF DULWICH CRICKET CLUB OUTDOOR NETS

Our outdoor cricket nets at our main ground in Giant Arches Road (off Burbage Road), SE24 9HP will re-open for use by members from **Monday, 29th March**. There is a separate guidance note providing more detail on the use of the nets, the booking system in operation, the restrictions and other key pieces of information covering the first three weeks up to Sunday, 18th April when we will review things.

The England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) earlier in March issued some summary guidance for cricket relating to the Government's overall 'roadmap' for releasing restrictions. This can be found at the following

[ECB COVID Roadmap](#)

[ECB playing plan summary](#)

[ECB socially distanced cricket guidance](#)

On Friday, 26th March the ECB published more detailed guidance - see [detailed ECB guidance for recreational cricket 26.03.21](#) - the main points of which are as follows.

1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

All users must take appropriate safety precautions in using our facilities. In particular in relation to showing signs or having symptoms of COVID, cleanliness and hygiene, social distancing, use of facilities and travel as advised by Government.

The Government's general guidance can be found at the following:

- a) Government guidance on Covid-19 applicable from 28th March 2021:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- b) Government guidance on the return of recreational sport from 29th March 2021

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): grassroots sports guidance for the public and sport providers - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) - see in particular guidance for the public

- c) Detailed ECB guidance on the return of recreational cricket from 29th March 2021:

[detailed ECB guidance for recreational cricket 26.03.21](#)

Use of the facilities depends on our, and your, compliance with the arrangements set out here. If you do not follow these guidelines then your access to the ground and use of the facilities will be withdrawn and, if collectively we do not comply with the guidance, then it is possible that use of our facilities for cricket activity may be withdrawn.

2. ECB GUIDANCE SPECIFIC TO DULWICH CRICKET CLUB

ACCESS TO, AND USE OF, OUR GROUND

a) General

You should only come to Dulwich Cricket Club to attend a pre-booked outdoor net session. The club's facilities, including the nets and main cricket field, are not otherwise available for use or exercise.

There is a booking system in operation (details of which can be found in the accompanying document to this guidance). **Please do not attend the ground unless you have booked a session as you may be turned away.**

In line with current government guidelines, if you or your child have symptoms of COVID-19, live in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or are classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, you should remain at home and should not attend our ground. As a reminder, the COVID-19 symptoms are a high temperature ; a new continuous cough ; or a loss of, or change to, your sense of taste or smell. If you have one of these symptoms you should not attend the nets and must follow NHS and PHE guidance on self-isolation.

Please note that there are no indoor facilities available at the ground, including changing or toilet facilities (except where toilet facilities may be required for medical reasons). Please bring your own refreshments.

b) Before you come

Everyone coming to the ground should wash their hands at home both before and after the session. **If at all possible, please bring your own hand sanitiser along with you.** Current government guidance as regards travel should be adhered to – see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#).

c) Arrival at, movement around, and departure from the ground

You must comply with the Government's guidance on social distancing at all times which remains at 2-metres plus. This includes use of the nets and is why we have placed a restriction on numbers per net. This also includes all parts of the Club, arriving and departing and being mindful of other Dulwich Sports Club section users.

If you have booked an outdoor net session then you should **aim to arrive at the ground no more than 10 minutes before your pre-booked start time, and depart promptly after your net use**

has finished. If you are late for your pre-booked slot then your session will be shortened accordingly.

You should wait on the concrete in front of the pavilion until close to your start time when you may approach the net. But you should remain well clear of the net until the previous users have vacated the net area totally. Users should depart the net area as speedily as possible. The net booking guidance says that **you should finish your net 5 minutes before the scheduled finish time** to allow a smooth change over of users.

d) Waiting and spectating

We are happy for parents / guardians and any other members of your household group (eg, siblings) to remain at the ground while the net session is taking place, provided that you or your group complies with social distancing advice.

Please read carefully and comply with the age requirements in the net booking instructions with regard to the use of the nets by children under the age of 18.

e) Failure to turn up

If for any reason you are unable to make your pre-booked time then please remove it from the booking sheet as soon as possible to allow someone else to take your slot. There is no guarantee of another slot in the immediate future if you are unable to make one that you have booked.

f) Weather

As ever with these things the weather is out of our hands although the nets are all-weather. For safety reasons, it may not be possible for your pre-booked net session to take place. We would expect users to apply common sense if the weather is bad.

g) First aid

There is a first aid kit located in the kitchen in the lower pavilion by the tennis courts and croquet lawns. Although access to the lower pavilion is prohibited for net users clearly this does not apply to the need for first aid. Note there is no defibrillator in the lower pavilion.

At a general level DCC expects all users to comply with common sense health and safety (cricket) guidance. For example, a helmet and appropriate protective equipment should be worn at all times when batting with a hard ball.

h) Nets and equipment

All three lanes will be in use but to enable 2-metre social distancing **we are restricting use to a maximum of 4 people per net**, unless all participants are from the same household. Please ensure you maintain social distancing when entering and leaving the net. You should let previous users fully exit the net before entering.

Each user should bring their own cricket equipment to the net session unless users are part of the same family / household in which case equipment can be shared. This includes all appropriate batting equipment and balls. Only flat soled, training shoes can be used in the nets – **NO SPIKES PLEASE.**

Where users are from a different household batters should not touch the ball with their hands, even with gloves on. Balls should be returned to the bowler by kicking or hitting with the bat.

As per ECB guidelines bowlers must not in any circumstances apply saliva or sweat to the ball.

i) Sanitisation

Please bring your own sanitiser if possible. At the end of your net session you should sanitise the key elements of the net that will most likely have been subject to touching by hand. This is likely to be the cricket stumps, the gate and entrance to the net.