

# ROADMAP FOR THE RETURN OF RECREATIONAL CRICKET

## ECB STATEMENT

England is currently in Step 4 of the Roadmap for the Return of Recreational Cricket. For recreational cricket in Wales, we will provide further guidance on what a return to cricket activity for clubs in Wales looks like as soon as we are able.

We will continue to be led by UK Government's advice and will update the guidance depending on when the national COVID-19 situation develops.

We will also work with players, volunteers, officials, community cricket stakeholders to ensure future guidance is both safe and implemented at the appropriate time.



**STEP 1**

**Lockdown**  
23 March - 13 May

At-home training and basic use of cricket grounds but not facilities e.g. nets

- Essential ground maintenance



**STEP 2**

**Household activity**  
13 May - 1 June  
Guidance released 15 May

Use of outdoor facilities (e.g. nets, outfield, wicket)

- For individuals, individual households, or pairs of adults - all socially distanced
- 1-1 coaching permitted
- Essential ground maintenance
- Use of outdoor facilities
- All indoor facilities remain closed



**STEP 3**

**Small group training**  
1 June - 10 July  
Guidance released 5 June

Use of outdoor facilities (e.g. nets, outfield, wicket)

- For individuals, individual households, or groups of up to 6 individuals regardless of household - all socially distanced
- 1:5 coaching permitted
- More than one group of 6 can train at the same time provided they are kept separate, and social distancing plus strict hygiene measures are observed



**STEP 4**

**Adapted gameplay**  
11 July - TBC  
Guidance released 8 July

- Matches can be 11-aside but total group size including all coaches and officials must not exceed 30
- Cricket matches adjusted to remain socially distanced
- Use own equipment throughout where possible and clean bat when leaving field of play
- No sweat or saliva is to be applied to the ball at any time. Hands and the ball should be cleaned at all breaks
- Players to remain socially distanced at all times (Wicket keepers & Slip fielders at 1m+)
- Use of the clubhouse, changing rooms and toilets should adhere to the latest UK Government advice
- Keep a record of all those in attendance at each session, including contact details
- Batters are to run in distinct running lines to ensure they are not within 2m of others



**STEP 5**

**Unrestricted**  
Date TBC

- All formats, leagues and competitions available
- Full facility usage

**Moving to stage five would involve the removal of social distancing measures.**