

Safety measures applicable to all Cricket Finland competitions during the 2021 outdoor season

All participants and clubs are to comply with instructions given by the health authorities. If you have questions regarding the application of these measures, please contact Cricket Finland through info@cricketfinland.com

Participant instructions

Normal situation (no symptoms, no exposure)

If you have no symptoms and have not been exposed:

- Masks must be worn everywhere outside the field of play and may be worn on the field of play
- Ground facilities are closed – toilets are the only exception
 - o Arrive to the ground in match gear or change clothes after you have arrived
 - o Do not use dressing rooms or any other indoor facilities
- Observe good hygiene
 - o Wash or disinfect your hands when you arrive to the ground, before you leave the ground, and at opportune moments during your stay at the ground
 - o Do not touch your face
- Use social distancing as much as possible during all match-related activities
 - o As a guideline, persons should stay 2 metres apart
- Teams must not sit together at the boundary
- An umpire shall conduct the toss with her/his own coin
- The home team shall give the two match balls to the umpires without removing them from the plastic bags and the umpires shall determine the ball used for the innings
- Absolutely no saliva must be used to shine the ball
- Absolutely no sharing of water bottles is allowed
 - o Players should bring their own drinks to the ground and avoid the use of common taps
- Playing equipment should be shared by as few players as possible
 - o Preferably use your own equipment
 - o Shared equipment should be cleaned with disinfectant between users
 - o When shared equipment cannot be thoroughly cleaned (e.g., the insides of gloves), especially good hand hygiene must be ensured
- Team lists for both teams shall be entered by the person setting up the match in CricHQ; the away team captain shall give the relevant information while maintaining social distancing measures
- The least possible number of persons should use the scoring device during the match and the device should be wiped down with disinfectant on all user changes
- All players except the bowler should keep at least 2 metres away from the umpires
- Umpires must not store any items for the bowler
- No handshakes or hugging shall take place

Increased risk (symptoms and/or exposure or suspected exposure)

If you have any symptoms:

- Do not participate in any matches or training sessions
- Symptoms that may indicate a coronavirus infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, fatigue, a runny nose, nausea, diarrhoea, headache, sore throat, and loss of sense of taste or smell
- It is difficult to distinguish the source of the symptoms and therefore it is imperative that any player or support staff member, who has any of these symptoms, stays at home
- If you have respiratory infection symptoms
 - o Self-isolate at home
 - o Fill in the questionnaire at <https://www.omaolo.fi> (FI, SE, EN); remember to state in additional information your sport, club, and team
 - o Contact your local health authority to get tested as soon as possible
- Inform your club

If you may have been exposed (the source is waiting for results):

- You are not allowed to come to any match in any capacity while the test results are pending
- Get tested as soon as possible

If you have been exposed (the source has been diagnosed with COVID-19):

- You are not allowed to come to any match in any capacity during the 14-day self-isolation period following an exposure
- Get tested as soon as possible
- Inform your club of the exposure

Diagnosed infection

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 and have played in a match during the past 14 days:

- Inform your club and Cricket Finland immediately
 - o The point of contact in Cricket Finland is the Technical Director, +358 40 768 4258
 - o The information you provide to Cricket Finland will only be used to trace possible exposures; Cricket Finland will not use your name in any communications to the exposed persons
- Cricket Finland will cooperate with the health authorities to track persons possibly exposed in league matches
- Follow your physician's and the health authorities' orders
- If no specific instructions are given by above, do not attend any cricket-related activities until 10 days have passed from the start of the symptoms and you have been symptomless for two days

If you are diagnosed with another respiratory infection:

- You are not allowed to attend a match until you have been symptomless for two days

Eligibility of players who have entered Finland during the last 14 days

If you have, during the 14 days before the date of the match you would participate in, entered Finland from another country 1) not on the “green list” published by THL, and 2) not subject to special dispensation allowing persons travelling from the country to avoid testing and self-isolation, you must either

- receive a negative test result from a test taken over 72 hours after you’ve entered Finland,
- show that you have had the COVID disease less than six months ago and at least eleven days have passed since your last positive test result, or
- not participate in competitions organised by Cricket Finland before 14 days have elapsed after your entry to Finland.

You are ineligible to play in any competition organised by Cricket Finland before you have either tested negative at least 72 hours after your entry to Finland or after you have completed the 14-day waiting period. In case you receive a negative test result at least 72 hours after entry to Finland, you must be able to present a certificate provided by an authorised testing facility proving your identity and the negative result of the test.

If you have had the COVID disease in the past six months, you must be able to show a doctor’s certificate for it.

This section shall be revised if the country classification scheme changes.

Penalties

If you fail to follow the exclusion protocols above and participate in a match when you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you will be penalised with a ban ranging from one year to an undetermined time.

If you participate in a match before you are eligible to play after you have entered Finland, the match shall be considered forfeited by your team because they have fielded an ineligible player.

Match instructions

Spectators are allowed to attend matches according to regional and municipal restrictions.

We encourage all non-essential persons to avoid participating in league matches to protect the players, the officials, and the safe running of the leagues this summer.

Members of the public are not allowed near players, support staff, or match officials

- All persons not participating in an official capacity must not be allowed to approach any participant (except those who have travelled to the ground with them)
- Attendance of non-essential persons is discouraged
- Ground-specific instructions will be updated to show viewing areas

Names of all participants in any match must be recorded for contact tracing purposes.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that any player who has entered Finland recently has either 1) tested negative at least 72 hours after entering Finland and can present documentary evidence for this, 2) has completed a 14-day waiting period after entering Finland, or 3) has documentary evidence for having had the COVID disease less than six months ago and eleven days have passed since the last positive test result. Fielding a player who has entered Finland less than 14 days ago and not completed 1, 2 or 3 above is considered fielding an ineligible player, which leads to the club forfeiting the match.

Club and team instructions

Ensure good hygiene

- Wear a mask at all times when not playing inside the boundary
- All participants should observe good hygiene, as indicated above, and team captains and coaches are essential in ensuring compliance from their players
- Buy proper disinfectant and keep it at hand for players and equipment during all league matches.

If a player shows symptoms

- It is the captain's duty to observe their team and stop a player from participating in any match if there's a suspicion of a respiratory infection, directing them to follow the instructions above
- The umpires are directed to stop the match and take further action if a captain allows a player showing symptoms to play.

Suspicion of infection in team

- When a team member or other participant shows symptoms that may indicate a coronavirus infection, all who have been in close contact with them during the past 24 hours shall self-isolate until a test result has been received
- The club must inform Cricket Finland of the suspicion
- If the test result is negative, the self-isolation is lifted.

When a person who has attended a match in the 48 hours before they started showing symptoms has been diagnosed with COVID-19

- Pending further information, all who have been present are not allowed to attend any matches
- The local communicable diseases physician will determine, contact, and quarantine those exposed for the incubation period of the virus
- When called for contact tracing, the infected player must mention that they have attended a league cricket match and give the contact details of the Technical Director **(+358 40 768 4258)**
- Cricket Finland may place additional restrictions on the participation of persons who are not quarantined but may have been exposed due to their participation.

If a player has been excluded from playing in league matches due to exposure:

- As long as the player does not show symptoms, all those who have been in contact with the exposed player can participate normally while the exposed player is in self-imposed isolation.

If the restrictions in this document lead to the team forfeiting a match:

- The LC Chair decides, based on documentary evidence made available by the club, whether following these restrictions has been the cause of the forfeit
- If the LC Chair is content that the forfeit is due to exclusions from matches based on these guidelines, the forfeiting team shall not suffer a league points penalty (see League Rules)
- If the match has been forfeited for violating these restrictions, the team and club shall suffer all applicable penalties