



Stoolball England COVID-19 Policy

1. The purpose of this policy is to assist those involved in administering stoolball to respond appropriately, sensitively and fairly during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The policy exists to reassure Stoolball England members of the protections and support they have, both within law (if required) and within the Stoolball England policies and protocols.
3. The policy also supports member stoolball leagues in meeting the requirements of the government sanctions placed upon residents of England and to meet the guidance of both UK Sport and Sport England.

Stoolball England COVID-19 Guidance

Introduction

4. As a National Governing Body, Stoolball England have published this policy and guidance as a way to make members and individual participants aware of the legal framework with regard to participation involved in stoolball, and to provide some practical suggestions on best practice in this area.
5. This guidance aims to give participants an overview of their responsibilities under the law, and non-statutory ways in which they should adhere to during the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. This guidance aims to support Stoolball England members and allay the fears of participants by outlining best practice during this time.

Stoolball England's commitment

7. Stoolball England is wholeheartedly committed to supporting their members in reinstating play as soon as possible.
8. Stoolball England aims to ensure point 4 is done in a responsible way.

Scope of the Policy

9. This policy applies to stoolball clubs, players, leagues and so on. It also applies to participants selected for national teams.
10. Stoolball England member clubs should comply with, and adopt, this policy as a minimum standard within their leagues.

Definitions

11. In this policy 'COVID-19' refers to a disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus. 'CO' stands for corona, 'VI' for virus, and 'D' for disease. Formerly, this disease was referred to as '2019 novel coronavirus' or '2019-nCoV.'

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Participation

12. Wholly separate groups of no more than 6 people (including you and members of your own household) can participate in sport for conditioning, training and fitness sessions.
13. Social distancing measures must be adhered to at all times. This means you are required to remain 2 metres apart from any other person in the group of 6.
14. While activities such as ball passing skills are permitted equipment sharing should be kept to a minimum.
15. Batting practice, while not advised is permitted under the latest guidance, as long as a ball is not used twice without sanitising;
 1. The bowler and batter must remain a minimum of two metres apart;
 2. If participants are sharing equipment sensible cleaning precautions must be adhered to and you must follow [COVID-19 Secure guidelines](#);
 3. Strong hand hygiene practices should be in place at all times when equipment sharing is unavoidable.
16. Avoid meeting in crowded areas as you will not be able to adhere to the social distancing requirement.
17. All participant exercise areas should be clearly marked using cones or other visual object.
18. There should be a one-way system clearly marked for entry and exit to venue ensuring social distancing measures can be adhered to.
19. Physical contact with anyone outside of your household is not permitted.

Exercising with Children

20. You can exercise with your children but remember small children may not be able to carry out the relevant actions to stay safe, so you are responsible for their safety. The virus can spread via contaminated surfaces so you must take extra care of the surfaces your child touches.

Games

21. No games, however small are permitted, organised or otherwise.

Equipment

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22. If you are sharing equipment, with anyone other than your own household, including balls, bats and posts, you should wash your hands thoroughly before and after use. You should also sanitise all equipment before and after use.

Hygiene

23. All participants are advised to use a form of antibacterial wash during the fitness or practise session;
1. During stoolball sessions of any kind sanitisation stations should be available to participants;
 2. Hand sanitiser and equipment sanitiser should be made available to participants.

Travel

24. You should not travel to a practice venue unless it is with members of your own household or you can practice the social distancing rule of 2 metres (i.e. travel by bicycle);
1. You should only travel to your nearest venue for practice activities;
 2. You should not travel alone or with others if you are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms or if a member of your household is exhibiting signs of the COVID-19 virus.

Physical Contact

25. Any kind of physical contact with anyone outside of your household is not permitted at this time.

Isolation

26. If you have been asked to isolate by the NHS Test and Trace system because you are a known contact of someone with Covid-19 do not exercise outside of your own home or with others; you can easily spread the virus to others even if you do not present with any symptoms.

Facilities

27. Indoor facilities such as changing rooms and clubhouses should be kept closed. Toilets and throughways are permissible however should be used with caution and within the social distancing rules.

Clinically Vulnerable People

28. Clinically vulnerable people i.e. people over 70 should remain in their home and only go outside if necessary. Exercise should be taken at home where possible and you should not participate in group exercise other than with people you are living with.

Applicability

29. These guidelines apply to all regardless of ability and disability.

Points of Contact

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23. Stoolball England have an appointed COVID-19 representative who individuals and members can contact, for confidential guidance on this matter. Their responsibilities include:

- a) Managing any queries with regard to COVID-19 and stoolball
- b) To implement Stoolball England's policies and procedures appropriately and effectively
- c) Recognise the confidentiality obligations that are associated with this policy
- d) Undertake all communication with the individual(s) concerned, only sharing information on a needs-led basis

24. The Stoolball England COVID-19 representative Genevieve Gordon can be contacted via genevieve@tacticconnect.com

25. Stoolball England recommend that as a mark of good practice, clubs should appoint a COVID-19 liaison/point of contact who can be confidentially contacted. This person should have sufficient seniority and knowledge of the virus and sport, and how to appropriately manage it.

Confidentiality

26. If any individual including an opposing league/club/team make a complaint about a league/club/team during the COVID-19 pandemic Stoolball England can investigate this but they may not at any time disclose who the complainant is.

Complaints

27. Complaints from other leagues/clubs/teams must be handled carefully and sensitively. It is the duty of officials to ensure that confidentiality is not compromised and that participants are not subjected to abuse - physical, verbal or exclusionary.

28. Stoolball England will handle complaints fairly and in accordance with our standard policies and procedures.

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