

# ROADMAP FOR THE RETURN OF RECREATIONAL CRICKET

## ECB STATEMENT

England is currently in Step 3 of the roadmap for the return to recreational cricket. For recreational cricket in Wales, we understand that the Welsh Government are due to review current restrictions on 18 June, after which time we will provide further guidance on what a return to cricket activity for clubs in Wales looks like.

We will continue to be led by UK Government's advice but we have identified five steps to the recreational game's proposed phased return this summer.

Cricket is a non-contact sport that involves individual disciplines within a team environment. As such, forms of cricket can be played while respecting social distancing.

As the nation's summer sport, we want to play our part in helping to get people active - particularly children.

We will move into Step 4 of the roadmap when UK Government guidance allows and when it is medically safe to do so.

We will continue to work with players, volunteers, officials, community cricket stakeholders and the UK Government 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 - TBC  
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**  
Date TBC

Cricket matches adjusted to remain socially distanced

- COVID-19 adaptations for adult cricket
- COVID-19 adaptations for junior cricket
- Shorter formats - to allow more matches to take place
- All ground maintenance
- Outdoor facility usage
- Restricted use of hospitality in line with government guidelines
- Indoor facility usage in line with government guidelines



**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.**