



MANITOBA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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Return to Play Protocol

1. Play a shortened version of the game T/20 Format
2. The length of the season will be determined by the start date
3. Only Teams registered in the league will be allowed to play.
4. Registration is voluntarily. Standings at the end of 2019 season will be frozen for 2020 and will not affect any Team missing out this season.
5. All participants will be asked the following questions:
 - A) *Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?*
 - B) *Have you been in contact with anyone infected with CoVid-19?*
 - C) *Have you been experiencing any illness such as sore throat, dry cough, headaches, fever shortness of breath?*
6. Any player who has been out of the country will have to self-isolate for 14 days before being allowed to play
7. Each team comprises of 11 players

8. On the field of play, there will be 11 players fielding, 2 batters batting at any given time and 2 umpires.
9. Cricket is not a contact sport; Players can maintain 2 meters distance from each other.
10. Umpires will have to wear masks during matches
11. The MCA will provide adequate cleaning solutions and hand sanitizers in the cricket house at Assiniboine Park.
12. No ride sharing to park unless players live at the same address.
13. Anyone with flu like symptoms or fever is not allowed to play. Umpires have the authority to verify if a player shows any symptoms
14. Captains of both teams playing at a given field will arrive 30 mins prior to the start time to take the toss with at least one umpire present to the field
15. After the match is over all teams are asked to leave the cricket area if another match is scheduled to start immediately.
16. **Players are always asked to observe social distancing**

Fielding Teams

1. The cricket ball must be sanitized regularly by the umpires
2. No fielder will come within six feet of the batters.
3. Players on the field will not touch each other in any fashion including celebrations at the fall of a wicket.
4. Players will maintain set distance of minimum **6 feet** from each other.
5. Individual water bottles only, no refillable bottles with the big jug is allowed on ground
6. Players must maintain **6-foot** distance at water breaks.

7. Bowlers (Pitchers) are not allowed to use saliva to shine the ball.
8. All fielders will carry personal hand sanitizers and use it regularly while fielding.
9. No Spitting on the ball.
10. No spitting on your fingers when bowling
11. If any fielders need to communicate with the batsmen, they need to be at least 6 feet away.
12. No verbal confrontation with any batter or umpire is allowed as per MCA Code of Conduct
13. The Wicket Keeper (Back Stopper) will maintain 6 feet distance from the batter regardless of what bowler is bowling

Batting Teams

1. No sharing of batting gloves or helmets is permitted.
2. Batters will always maintain **6 feet** distance when communicating.
3. Batters will never handle the ball. The bat can be used to get the ball back to a fielder if it is on the pitch or stuck in the batsman pads
4. Batters will maintain 6 feet distance when communicating with fielders
5. Players on the side lines must maintain **6 feet** distance outside the boundary

Umpires

- a. Umpires must hand sanitize throughout the game at regular intervals
- b. Umpires will not share water battles with players
- c. Umpires have the right to question a player if he has a steady cough or show signs of not feeling well.
- d. Umpires are fully in control of game and will ensure all matches start and end in the given time frame.