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Return to Sport Plan – Cricket Newfoundland and Labrador

Background

All public health measures required by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will be respected at all times. All Cricket NL activities take place in the St. John's area, with all participants living in that area as well. No indoor activities are planned at this time, and all activities take place at two venues, the practice facility at Wishingwell Park, and the sports field on RCAF Road. There are no changing rooms at either facility, and signage is in place. Portable toilets are installed at RCAF for the duration of the season.

Cricket is a low contact team sport. For all activities, only registered members who have acknowledged they have read this plan and other sport specific guidelines can participate. For each practice session or match, participants must sign an attendance log, as well as confirming they have no symptoms or should not be isolating for any reason.

For all activities, personal equipment (gloves, helmets) cannot be shared. Other equipment must be cleaned properly between uses.

Alert Level 3

Only individual athlete skill development sessions are permitted. Individuals (coaches & athletes) from separate households should maintain physical distance at all times. Individuals from a single household may be grouped in a single training pod.

Alert Level 2

No activities are planned prior to April 10, and the start of activities will be dependent on weather.

Team Practice/Team Training Sessions April 10- May 15, 2021

Once weather permits, team practices will start at Wishingwell. There are eight clubs operating and each will operate their own practices with up to 20 participants (including coaches). All are adults.

Provincial team practices are planned. These will involve participants from a number of member clubs, but all participants are based in the St. John's/ Mount Pearl/ Paradise area.

Sport Guidelines for the recommended public health measures for these sessions will be followed at all times www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/information-sheets-for-businesses-and-workplaces/sport-guidance/

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- Numbers at the practice facility will be limited to 25, with 15 minutes between scheduled practices.
- Those not engaged in physical activity will be required to wear non-medical masks (NMM).
- Hand sanitizer must be available and used at all times
- Appropriate cleaning supplies must be available for shared equipment
- Each bowler should use a single ball, rather than sharing

Phase 2/3 (League play and Junior programme)

- Cricket NL Summer League (May 15 onwards) – RCAF field
- Provincial team programme (May 15-August 1st) – Wishingwell and RCAF field
- Cricket NL Junior programme (June 1st-September 30) – Wishingwell and RCAF field

The following measures are in place for all sessions at RCAF

Portable toilets are for emergency use only; disinfectant wipes to be available and used after every use on touch surfaces.

Summer League

The Summer League (as regularly played) consists of inter-club senior competition taking place on weekends and occasionally mid-week. All matches take place at RCAF field, and all participants are based on the NE Avalon. The total number of match participants (teams, substitutes and officials) is 30 or less. On weekends two or three matches are scheduled over the course of a day with each match taking 3 to 3.5 hours. On weekdays only single matches are scheduled. The league consists of the seven St. John's based clubs playing each other in a league format.

The following measures shall be followed

- Sharing of rides to field should be avoided if possible, but otherwise no more than four to a car; if possible members of same household travel together
- Off field batting team needs to be spaced appropriately – 2 m between players
- NMM use is recommended for umpires and the off-field batting team, and must be in place, if social distancing is not possible.
- No handshakes or high fives, huddles
- No sharing of water bottles; players need to have their own individual water supply
- Fielders are permitted to wear protective gloves if they wish
- Hand sanitizer must be available on the field; each bowler at minimum should have a personal bottle for use, and it is recommended that players use a personal supply as well. Players are encouraged to use it at the end of the over if they have touched the ball. Bowlers should use it at the beginning and end of every over.

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- Participants should self monitor, and monitor other participants to avoid touching face with hands after touching the ball.
- Each team is responsible for having an adequate supply of hand sanitizer. If they do not have this available the game will not proceed.
- Absolutely no use of saliva on the ball permitted; any bowler observed doing this will be removed from the attack immediately.
- If an umpire observes at any point that social distancing is being compromised, they should call dead ball and ask the captain responsible to take appropriate action.
- Umpires should not take possession of the ball at the fall of a wicket or at intervals and avoid handling it unless necessary. Umpires are advised to wear protective gloves when handling the ball.
- Umpires should not be asked to hold bowler's clothing or equipment; players are responsible for their individual equipment on the field.
- Spectators are not encouraged. but if present must sit separate from the teams, respect social distancing amongst themselves, and it is recommended they wear NMM. Any spectators within the field area will need to sign in for contact tracing purposes.
- There must be a supply of disinfectant wipes or appropriate cleaning supplies to allow portable toilet surfaces to be cleaned after use.
- Schedules will allow 15 minutes between matches. If a match runs late or participants arrive early they must not mix with participants of the ongoing match, and use a different entrance to the field.

Provincial team programme

- The provincial team programme consists of 15-30 participants engaged in practice and preparation for possible inter-provincial competition.
- All participants are drawn from the clubs involved in Summer League,
- For practice matches, all measures required for the Summer League must be followed.

Junior programme

The Junior programme consists of 1-2 hour sessions for youth aged 8-16 under the supervision of coaches. The programme is mostly drills, but occasional matches may be played. All participants are from the NE Avalon. For matches, the protocols developed for Summer League will be used. Measures for this group:

- Coaches will wear NMM, unless actively participating
- Parents/ spectators must maintain social distancing and wear NMM.
- Spectators must be limited to 1 person per child, as required to assist the child in preparing to participate in a group activity.
- Hand sanitizer must be available and used frequently, and all shared equipment cleaned between uses.
- Spectator name information will be collected for contact tracing.

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Phase 3

Regional or Provincial Championships/Competition

- No inter-regional or provincial competition is planned. League play as described under phase 2 is the only competition confirmed. There is a possibility of a short format two day weekend tournament, only involving the league clubs, and with only a single match taking place at a time, but this is still in the planning stages. If this does take place 6-8 matches would be scheduled for a day, with scheduling ensuring the number of participants at the field at any given time is 50 or less. More information will be provided if a tournament is planned.

Phase 4 Atlantic Competition

- If the Atlantic bubble is open, Cricket NL plan to send a squad of 15 to the Atlantic Championships, tentatively scheduled for late July in New Brunswick. More information will be supplied if the Atlantic bubble is established.