



**FRAMEWORK FOR  
CRICKET IN A COVID-19  
ENVIRONMENT**

Bermuda Cricket Board

# OVERVIEW

Sports plays a very important role in Bermuda providing; athletic, academic, social, cultural, and economic opportunities for 10,000 persons (participants, spectators and volunteers) on an annual basis. The Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) as the National Governing Body of cricket in Bermuda, governs and regulates cricket on the island, improves infrastructure and facilities and aids in club development. The BCB formulates the regulations and rules governing cricket in Bermuda in accordance with ICC guidelines.

The BCB has a comprehensive Development Programme, which encompasses improving domestic and national cricket with a strong focus on youth development. In addition, the BCB enables young local cricketers to further their education in academic institutions abroad with excellent cricket programmes.

# COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the postponement and cancellation of many of Bermuda's traditional activities, including the closure of business and other community-based organizations. The effect has been felt globally as other nations have been faced with similar scenarios and challenges to restart their economies and social activities. Bermuda with her strong tradition of family gatherings, social activities, volunteerism, and subtropical climate, has seen its people have to adjust to an unfamiliar way of life. The BCB by extension, has also had to postpone its annual domestic league competitions due to the Government of Bermuda's Covid-19 phased in directives.

# PHASES

The BCB values the phased in process and seeks to encourage the resumption of Cricket in Bermuda via the following measures.

## PHASE 2 – EXPANSION OF SERVICES:

The Bermuda Cricket Board would see the resumption of training for our clubs (full BCB members only).

- Maximum of # 20 per session (including coaches)
- The club ground staffs will maintain the required social distancing to prepare the pitch and wear a mask and gloves
- Players and coaches must arrive dressed to each session
- All equipment will be sanitized prior to and after the practice
- a bathroom will be available for hand washing
- Hand sanitizer/wipes will be made available
- All players and coaches will maintain the 6-foot physical distancing
- There will be no sharing of gear or personal belongings (bats, pads etc)
- All players will have their own water bottles and will not share any fluids
- All coaches will be wearing masks and gloves throughout the entire practice
- Players will be seated maintaining the 6-foot physical distancing in their area
- Training will be off-limits to spectators
- All players will depart the grounds immediately (within 15 minutes) after training has concluded including all coaching staff
- Players will not be allowed to shower at their club pre or post training
- The concessions at each club will remain closed and will only be opened in case of emergency
- Each player will have their own ball for usage during each session (to be sanitized prior to during and at the conclusion of each session)
- Each player will touch his or her ball only and the batsmen will either kick or hit the ball back to the player if the player cannot collect the ball themselves

# OPPORTUNITIES

The Covid-19 Pandemic offers challenges but also opportunities for Bermuda and her people to collaborate and modify the way we have been operating. Best practices will be followed which will allow for a new direction in which our sports clubs can operate.

1. Promotion of community events
2. Possible online streaming of matches
3. Improved health and safety protocols
4. Alcohol (reduced consumption) free environments
5. Government partnerships