

Introduction

This appendix is for the purposes of the 2022 season to deal with issues that may arise from matters related to the pandemic.

Rules

1. All League games will be played in accordance with the Scottish Government regulations/restrictions and Cricket Scotland guidance which are in force. Refer to the CS website for these.
2. Where there is a conflict between the League rules and the Scottish Government regulations/restrictions and the Cricket Scotland guidance, the Scottish Government regulations/restrictions and Cricket Scotland guidance shall take precedence.
3. Social distancing shall be maintained at all times, including those not on the field of play, such as the non-fielding side, coaches, scorers and spectators. Note that a scoreboard is deemed to be an internal space, and should be treated as such with respect to Scottish Government restrictions.
4. Where a game cannot be played on the scheduled date due to a **Covid Occurrence**, then both sides will provide a brief report to their Divisional representative setting out the circumstances of the postponement. For the avoidance of doubt, a match postponed because of a **Covid Occurrence** cannot be re-scheduled.

A **Covid Occurrence** can be where a club is unable to fulfil the fixture because of an outbreak of Covid at the club requiring players to self-isolate as a result of close contact with an individual who has contracted Covid or where Government travel restrictions mean that the fixture cannot be played.

5. If following a League game, a club has an outbreak of Covid, the club is under a duty to inform their opposition of the position in terms of Test and Protect and the opposition club must then take appropriate action in relation to the players who played in the match. Their Divisional representative should also be informed.
6. Where any team has five or more scheduled games postponed because of a **Covid Occurrence**, then there will be no promotion or relegation from or to that Division. Promotion and relegation will operate from all other Divisions in the normal way as far as that is practically possible, although the ESCA Committee reserves the right to review the position at the end of the 2022 season with a view to creating the Leagues for the 2023 season.
7. If as a result of a **Covid Occurrence** a team has a game cancelled then players who would normally play in that team should not be used to fulfil the fixtures of a lower team(s). It is expected that the club would fulfil other team fixtures and where a Covid Occurrence is the reason for a postponement, Rule 14.2 does not apply. Clubs

attention is drawn to the provision of Rule 7.4 and subsequent paragraphs in the League rules. Clubs must in this situation contact their Divisional representative in terms of the rules to discuss matters and be guided on what is allowed.

8. The ESCA General Committee reserves the right to abandon the League competition if, in their view, because of the Covid situation and Government regulations/restrictions it will not be feasible to complete an appropriate number of League games in each Division prior to the season end date of 27th August to constitute a valid competition. Promotion and relegation will be suspended in all Divisions for the 2022 season if the competition is suspended as a result of the Scottish Government imposing restrictions across the country that means all games cannot be played for a significant period of time.
9. The minimum length for a League game remains that set out in the current League rules in normal circumstances. However, where for example no toilet facilities will be available at the ground, the maximum length of the game shall be 25 overs, irrespective of the Division in which the match takes place and Rule 11.1 shall not apply. Clubs **MUST** liaise with their opponents in the week leading up to the game to agree the duration of the game and highlight any venue issues in advance. The responsibility is on the home club to initiate the discussion.

Failure of a club to do this should be reported as part of the Fair play form or if the game is not played should be reported in any event to their Divisional representative.

10. A tea interval and provision of any tea will be at the discretion of the home club. The intention of the club should be stated to other clubs in their League and their Divisional Rep not less than 72 hours prior to the beginning of the season. If there is a change to the declared position for any week during the season, the home club must advise the away club of the change and implication no less than 72 hours in advance of a scheduled fixture.

Where tea is not proposed to be taken as part of the interval and change of innings, then the default interval shall be a maximum of 30 minutes.

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