

# ATCA COVID-19 Return to Play Requirements



## PLAYING CONDITIONS RATIONALE

The following Playing Conditions and Practical Guidelines have been developed to equip ATCA clubs and match day officials, with a guide on how to handle incidences where saliva has been placed on the ball.

Furthermore, the link below to Cricket Australia's Return to Play Practical Guidelines indicates recommendations only, and has been provided for information purpose only [Cricket Australia Return to Play Practical Guidelines](#).

## PLAYING CONDITIONS

### Playing Condition: Saliva Placed on the Ball

1. At no stage should any participant place saliva on the cricket ball for any purpose.
2. The umpires and captains must not allow the match to continue during any period after which saliva has been placed on the cricket ball, without following the cleaning direction first.

## ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE - Saliva Placed on the Ball

1. If it is the opinion of the umpires or captains that saliva has been placed on the ball, they will apply the following procedure:
  - a) The umpire shall inform the offending player's captain of his/her breach of the Playing Conditions.
  - b) The umpire will direct the fielding captain to carry out the cleaning direction on the ball before resuming play.
  - c) The umpire shall then deliver a first warning to the captain. If the umpire after imposing a first warning deem that a further offence has occurred they shall deliver a second and final warning to the captain.
  - d) The issuing of a second and final warning shall apply to all members of the team for the entire match.
  - e) If the umpires after imposing a second and final warning upon a team deem that a further offence has occurred they shall award 5 penalty runs to the opposition team in every instance.
  - f) The umpires or captains shall report all occurrences of penalty runs awarded under this policy to the Executive Officer, who shall take such further action against the player, the captain and, if appropriate, the team.

## ADDITIONAL MATCH DAY PROTOCOLS

### ETIQUETTE FOR FOOD AND DRINK

1. Communal afternoon tea is banned – Each player is responsible for their own afternoon tea unless,
  - i) clubs are requested to contact the opposition club if your clubs can meet the following conditions for providing afternoon tea
  - ii) provide afternoon tea served and placed on an individual plate for both teams and the umpires, that's is 24 individual plates.
  - iii) The food will be required to be served from the kitchen area of your club where the persons responsible for handling the food take all appropriate safety measures involved with the handling of food.
  - iv) Individuals are not allowed to share food.
  - v) It must be noted that the opposition club reserves the right to refuse the offer of afternoon tea but in doing so will need to notify the home club of that decision prior to match day
2. Each player must provide their own drink bottle.
3. Home team may provide a communal drink container of water or cordial.

### COVID- 19 MARSHAL REQUIREMENT

1. All ATCA matches must have at least one COVID Marshal present at the ground for the entire match.
2. Take reasonable steps to visually identify as a COVID Marshal.
3. Each club to have an approved SA Health COVID safe plan.

### CLEANING DIRECTION

1. Each team captain will be responsible for providing match day cleaning equipment as follows:
  - i) Suitable Sanitisers for the entire team.
  - ii) Antimicrobial wipes for cleaning of the ball if required.
2. For all Senior Matches the responsibility for cleaning of the ball will lie with the fielding captain. For all Junior Matches the cleaning of the ball is to be completed by the fielding team's coach or match manager.

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## **PLACING OF THE BALL AT THE TAKING OF A WICKET OR END OF A SESSION**

It is ***recommended*** that at the fall of a wicket the ball is left next to the stumps so the umpire is not required to handle the ball. At the conclusion of the session the fielding captain should place the ball in its original box and provide it to the umpire.

## **STORAGE OF BOWLER'S EQUIPMENT DURING PLAY**

In the event the umpire is not comfortable holding the bowler's hats/jumpers/sunglasses etc then the bowler shall leave these items with a teammate, behind the wicket keeper or placed over the nearest boundary.

Should the ball strike the bowlers equipment stored behind the stumps, the ball shall be called dead with no penalty runs added. At no stage should the umpire be compelled to hold/handle the players' equipment during the match