

HKHDCA ON FIELD COVID19 POLICY – JUNIOR CRICKET:



THE BALL: AT NO TIME MAY A PLAYER USE SALIVA OR SWEAT TO CLEAN/POLISH THE BALL

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR:

Players are advised to use a hand sanitiser prior to taking the field at the start of a match and prior to resumption of play following a break.

1. OBEY Physical Distancing at all times, both on and off the field.
2. DO NOT use saliva or sweat to polish the ball.
3. DO NOT lick your fingers.
4. DO NOT high five or shake hands in the celebration process.
5. AVOID spitting.
6. DO NOT share towels.
7. DO NOT share drink bottles.

CLEANING OF THE BALL

The Fielding Team Captain, or Fielding team Coach, is responsible for the cleaning of the ball, **using an alcohol-based spray and microfibre cloth** at the fall of a wicket and scheduled breaks in play.

The umpire(s) are to supervise this practice and ensure that it is carried out as prescribed.

CHECKING CONDITION OF THE BALL

When the umpire seeks to check the condition of the ball, the fielding captain will present the ball to the umpire, and if required, give the ball to the umpire for repair, the umpire should utilise gloves or alcohol based spray and microfibre cloth whilst handling the ball in this situation, OR use a hand sanitiser immediately before and after handling the ball.

A fielder may:

Polish the ball on their clothing provided that no artificial substance or saliva or sweat is used.

Remove mud from the ball under supervision of the umpire

Dry a wet ball on a cloth that has been approved by the umpire.

WHEN A WICKET FALLS, END OF SESSION.

At the fall of a wicket or at the beginning of a drinks break, the player in possession of the ball shall place the ball at the base of the stumps from which the next delivery will be bowled.

USE OF SALIVA OR SWEAT ON THE BALL

ENFORCEMENT:

If a player **unintentionally**, through habit, in the opinion of the umpire, uses saliva or sweat on the ball, the umpire, in the first instance, should:

1. Call dead ball
2. Call the player and his/her captain and inform them of the breach of the Playing Condition
3. The umpire will issue a first warning to the player and their captain.
4. The umpire will direct the captain to undertake the ball cleaning procedure prior to play recommencing.
5. Play may then continue.

If a player, **following a second and final warning**, in the opinion of the umpire, **uses saliva or sweat** on the ball, the umpire should:

1. Call Dead Ball.
2. Call the player and their captain and inform them of the **third or thereafter breach of the Playing Condition.**
3. The umpire will direct the captain to undertake the ball cleaning procedure prior to play recommencing.
4. Play may then continue.

NOTE: Umpires (including player umpires) will award a five-run penalty to the batting side, if in their opinion, the **offence has been committed more than twice by a player within the innings**, and continue to do so if further breaches by that player are observed and noted.

NOTE: It is recommended that the **SQUARE LEG Umpire** be primarily responsible for observing the fielding team's adherence to the above protocols with regard to the cleaning/polishing of the ball, in concert with his colleague, however, it is not to be considered that only he is monitoring the observations.

DEFINITION:

UNINTENTIONAL:

When a player, as a matter of habit, licks their fingers in the process of handling the ball, and, in the opinion of the umpire, behaving in a manner of previous routine.

However, further repetition should NOT be interpreted as unintentional, following the second warning to that player and his captain.

PLAYING EQUIPMENT:

Ideally, equipment such as helmets, pads and gloves should **NOT** be shared by players, however, if necessary, equipment, as listed above, may be shared, provided that it has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised before transferring to another player.

Under no circumstances are groin protectors to be shared by players.

Under no circumstances are hats/caps to be shared by players, or held by umpires or players other than the original wearer.

BOWLER'S HAT OR CAP.

If the bowler wishes to bowl without his cap or hat, there are three options:

1. The bowler may leave their hat/cap outside of the boundary, if they are fielding near or on the boundary, when not bowling.

OR

2. The bowler may place their hat/cap behind the keeper, as is the usual situation with helmets at rest, however, no penalty runs will be awarded if the ball hits the hat/cap on the ground behind the keeper.

OR

3. The bowler may, with the permission of the umpire, place their hat/cap at the mark commencing their run, however, no penalty runs will be awarded if the ball hits the hat/cap on the ground behind the

BOWLERS END STUMPS.

STUMPS

The umpires are to be the only people to set the stumps prior to play, each umpire responsible for his end stumps only, initially and when resetting the stumps.

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT: To be supplied by each team/club

1. Hand sanitizer
2. Alcohol based spray (ISOCOL) and microfibre cloth.

SCORING

Manual scoring should be undertaken by one person per team, or, if shared, the pencil(s) should be sanitised prior to another taking over the scoring.