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**BURY ROUNDERS LEAGUE**  
**TEAM/COVID**  
**COMPLIANCE**  
**OFFICER GUIDE**

THIS GUIDE SHOULD BE USED BY ALL TEAMS AND CCO'S



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## **BURY ROUNDERS LEAGUE - TEAM/COVID COMPLIANCE OFFICER GUIDE**

The UK Government has now given approval for the return of competitive Rounders. This guidance, from Rounders England adapted to meet the needs of Bury Rounders sets out the measures needed to mitigate associated risks when playing Rounders; focussing on the key requirements to incorporate Covid-19 social distancing and enhanced hygiene requirements.

It should be read in conjunction with the Government's latest Covid-19 guidance and is based on the Government's framework for a return to recreational team sport.

The guiding principles are intended to set out sufficient information for the Rounders community to discharge its duty of care in a reasonable, proportionate and confident way. The guidance is not exhaustive and has been developed with existing levels of knowledge and will signpost to existing information created by relevant authorities.

Important information to note when reviewing this guidance:

This guidance is in line with the latest government guidance allowing for groups to gather for the purpose of playing sport. The 2m Social distancing rule is only to be breached in the circumstances required on the field of play. There are no proposed modification to the official Rounders rules.

UK Government advice is subject to change at short or no notice. We will regularly review and update this guidance on their website as and when more information is received.

The guidance provides over-arching best practice for the safe return of Rounders in England regardless of the structure of leagues, clubs, teams and events.

Who is this guidance aimed at?

The aim of this guidance is to provide a return to play framework for participants of the Rounders community including, but not limited too, event organisers, players, umpires, volunteers, coaches and spectators.

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Definitions	
'Activity Provider'	Refers to the organiser/s of a game(s) of Rounders. For example, but not limited to - leagues, clubs, teams, education providers and other sport and leisure providers
'Event'	Refers to any Rounders event including league games, friendlies, competitions and training events.
'Participant'	Refers to anyone involved in the event including organisers, players, umpires, volunteers, coaches and spectators
'Fleeting'	<p>Fleeting (less than 3 seconds) is when face-to-face passing could occur irregularly at any of the posts when a batter is running towards it and a fielder goes to stump. We have provided mitigations for this:</p> <p>Where the fielder attempts to touch the post in order to 'stump out' the batter before the live batter touches the post with their bat in order to stay in the game. The interaction is irregular and deemed a fleeting passing of less than 3 seconds</p> <p>Mitigation: Once the play has happened – the fielder should be positioned a minimum of one metre away from the batter/post to await the play to be resumed.</p>

The guidance sets out the minimum standards for the organisation of the game of Rounders in England for all Activity Providers and events. There are no proposed rule modifications to the game at this time. Apart from irregular fleeting passing as outlined in the exceptions there is no reason why the recommended 1m+ social distancing cannot be maintained throughout a game of Rounders. The guidance will help mitigate the risk of Covid-19 infections – however they cannot eliminate it completely.

The protocols to be implemented are:

1. Rounders Specific Guidance
2. Hygiene Measures
3. Social Distancing Measures
4. Covid-19 Officer Role
5. Participant Registration
6. Adherence to Measures

## ROUNDERS SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

<p>Number of players:</p>	<p>There are no changes to how many players per team.</p> <p>When a batting player is out they should leave the pitch asap and remain 20 yards clear of the playing pitch and follow government social distancing guidelines 1m+</p> <p>For training and playing purposes there are no restrictions on the number of participants taking part in organised outdoor sport. Consideration must be given to the best use of available space, taking into account safety, ability, age and social distancing.</p>
<p>Match play:</p>	<p>Face-to-face player proximity interactions are minimal, incidental, are not expressly created within the rules governing play; where they might occur, they do not exceed three seconds</p> <p>After Each quarter innings, a new ball or sanitised ball should be used</p>
<p>Pitch</p>	<p>Usual pitch measurements.</p> <p>Tips players need to be the usual 1 meter away from the batting square from their hands</p>
<p>Spectators:</p>	<p>We ask the Spectators only attend a game if they are the guardian of a under 18 or at risk adult.</p> <p>Where spectators do attend they must adhere to social gathering limits either in groups of six or two households and social distancing. Or as per Government Guidance</p>

Medically High Risk groups as defined by the NHS here are discouraged from putting themselves at risk in line with Government guidelines. We do not recommend participants who self-identify as High Risk participate in Rounders.

## HYGIENE MEASURES

Each team is required to provide:	Hand sanitiser – must be used before, during (after each innings) and after play and warm up  Equipment disinfectant/wipes for personal and team equipment – must be used before, during and after play and warm up Bin bags for safe disposal of rubbish
Equipment:	It is recommended that players do not share bats. If bats have to be shared, they should be disinfected between each use and numbered so that the same two people use them  Balls must be disinfected before and after each innings

Self-Assessment health checks prior to leaving home for all. Restricting participation of high risk groups, as defined by the NHS.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES

Social distancing should be maintained at all times. Apart from irregular fleeting passing there is no reason why the recommended 1m+ social distancing cannot be maintained throughout a game of Rounders.

Social distancing measures:	Implementation of a 'no touch rule' for all participants. I.e. No high fives, hand- shaking or any other physical contact with others players. Apart from stumping a player out which should last longer the 3 seconds.
	Teams must wait for all members of the opposing team to leave the field before taking up fielding positions at each changeover
	The batting line up should, whilst waiting for their turn to bat, remain at least 2 metres apart from each other and also away from where the backstop or batting umpire may approach during in play situations
	Players / Coaches / Umpires / Substitutes should familiarise themselves with government guidance on the safe use of face coverings and their role in reducing the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

## COVID-19 OFFICER ROLE

Each Team should appoint a dedicated 'Covid-19 Officer' who takes responsibility for implementing the Return to Play Rounders guidance.

Covid-19 Officer responsibilities:	Being the designated contact for the Team to receive updates of this guidance and support from Rounders England
	Ensuring compliance of this guidance within their club, team or independent event
	Developing an event and venue specific Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Health & Safety Plan as needed
	Documenting that all event participants have received appropriate education in personal safety and risk mitigation measures
	Oversee the participant registration process (see participant registration section)
	<p>Communication –</p> <p>Acting as the point person to coordinate Create awareness of the protocols to all participants to aid adoption and compliance.</p>
	<p>Free (Optional) Training –</p> <p>Industry recognised ReActivate COVID-19 Awareness Award. Funded by Sport England and CIMSPA this award is made up of different modules, including 1) What is Covid? 2) Look after your participants 3) Front line delivery, designed to build your knowledge around COVID and how to keep yourself and others safe when you all come together again.</p> <p>Three easy steps to access the FREE award: 1) Go to <a href="https://prozone.futurefit.co.uk/roundersengland/login">https://prozone.futurefit.co.uk/roundersengland/login</a> 2) Click 'Not registered? Select a plan' 3) Select the group that best fits your main role (choices are: Club/ League, Covid-19 Officer, Coaches &amp; Leaders, Players)</p> <p>Free until 31st August 2021.</p>

## **PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION**

In respect of participant registration, both score cards and score books will work as Bury Rounders Participant Registration. Details must be gathered and kept for 21 days for every event. Please make sure the Names of Players are clear and easy to read.

Covid Compliance Officer and Team Captin should insure that all participants are aware they are assuming a risk with playing rounders and that they know they are playing rounders at their own risk.

Please note: The participant registration process does not discharge an Activity Provider's liability or duty of care. Any data collected must be GDPR compliant and stored safely for 21 days only.

## ADHERENCE TO MEASURES

All participants must adhere to strict social distancing and hygiene measures before a game, during a game and after a game. If an individual is symptomatic and/or living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection they should remain at home and follow UK Government guidance. In addition, any participants who have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace because they are a contact of a known COVID-19 case, must not exercise outside their home or garden and must not exercise with others.

Covid-19 is a highly infectious and dangerous disease. A return to playing Rounders is only achievable if those involved create and maintain a controlled environment that minimises the threat of infection. Risk in sport cannot be completely eradicated but with caution and care these risks can be reduced.

Each player will need to decide when to return to playing Rounders, based on their own circumstances and the arrangements that have been put in place for a safe return.

Each player is playing rounders at the own risk.

All those returning to play Rounders must adopt the following code of behaviour:	Be aware of your own personal health. If you show any of the Covid-19 symptoms you must stay at home, inform NHS Test and Trace and seek medical advice.
	Be responsible. Read this guide and all other relevant information. So you know what is expected.
	Practise good hygiene. Wash/sanitise your hands regularly and before, during and after a game.
	Where possible maintain social distancing. This won't always be possible during match play but please note the mitigations that have been put in place. Before, and after a game you should maintain social distancing.
	Support NHS Test and Trace. You're likely to be asked to provide your details so that in the event of a Covid-19 outbreak those potentially infected can be traced. This is to everyone's benefit so please cooperate.
	Do not spit and avoid shouting or raising your voice if face to face with other participants.
	After the game be aware that other users may be waiting to use the facilities. Changing rooms and showers are likely to be closed. In all instances you should follow the Government's guidance on social distancing.

## OUR RETURN TO PLAY ROUNDERS APPROACH

### Process and consultation

Following the publication of the 'Return to Recreational Team Sport Guidance' produced by Sport England and DCMS, Bury Rounders/England has undertaken an assessment based on key criteria outlined in the framework. It has been created following research and discussion/consultation with various stakeholders as outlined below:

Sport England

Rounders England Covid-19 Medical Advisory Group

Rounders England

We want to take this opportunity to thank our partners and stakeholders for their support to date that has ensured we are in the best place possible to return to Rounders. This guidance will be reviewed accordingly and can be subject to change in line with the latest government advice.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Sport England

Return to Play hub: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/coronavirus/return-play>

Return to Play legal guidance: <https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2020-06/>

[Legal%20risks%20and%20duties%20of%20care%20when%20returning%20to%20play.pdf?M6px4v48lm3EijY0QBAe8mkOMcBDBPfh](https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2020-06/Legal%20risks%20and%20duties%20of%20care%20when%20returning%20to%20play.pdf?M6px4v48lm3EijY0QBAe8mkOMcBDBPfh)

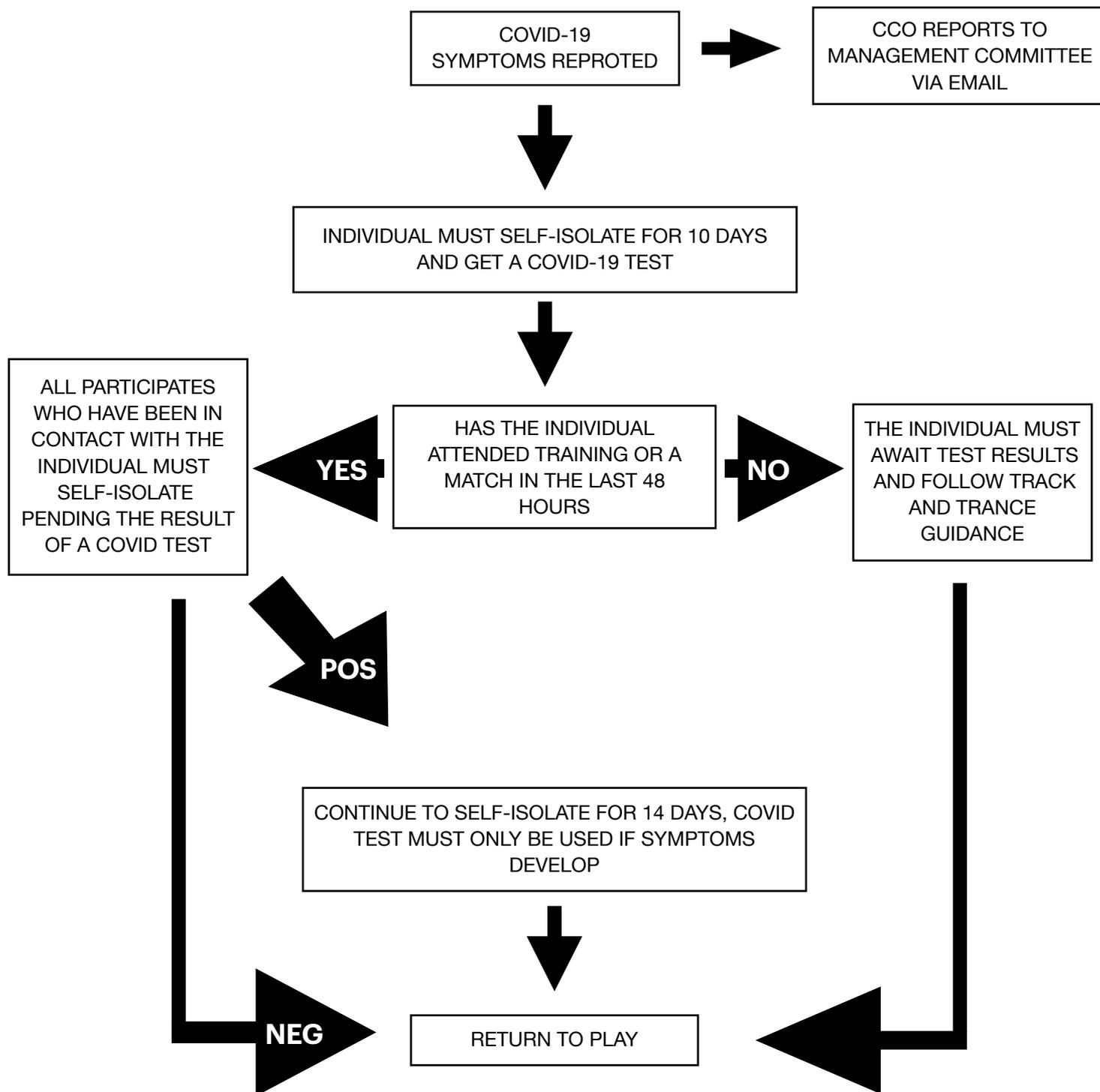
Club Matters toolkit to help sports clubs prepare for reopening: <https://learn.sportenglandclubmatters.com/course/view.php?id=71>

Club Matters social distancing general guidance: [https://learn.sportenglandclubmatters.com/pluginfile.php/31277/mod\\_resource/content/4/Club%20Matters%20Social%20Distancing%20tips%20SO.pdf](https://learn.sportenglandclubmatters.com/pluginfile.php/31277/mod_resource/content/4/Club%20Matters%20Social%20Distancing%20tips%20SO.pdf)

UK Government

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Guidance on the Phased Return of Sport and Recreation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation>

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CONTACT IS DEFINED A BEING 'WITHIN 1M OF ANOTHER PERSON FOR LONGER THE 3SECONDS'

ANY CONTACT NOT JUST PHYSICAL