

ECB Covid Replacement Regulations

1 These Covid Replacement Regulations (the “Regulations”) apply in relation to a suspected Covid diagnosis, a positive Covid-19 test or prevention from participating in the match as a result of applicable Covid-19 public health guidance.

2 The following definitions shall apply in these Regulations:

2.1 “Appropriate Medical Professional” means the most appropriate medically qualified person available at the relevant Match.

2.2 “Covid Player” means a player for whom a formal notification has been made in accordance with Regulation 7.1.

2.3 “Covid Replacement” means a player who has been formally nominated to replace a Covid Player in accordance with Regulation 7.7, who must meet the relevant eligibility and/or registration requirements that apply to the Match.

2.4 “Match” shall have the meaning in Regulation 3.1.

2.5 “Member” shall mean the Member (as defined in the ECB Cricket Discipline Commission Regulations) which is responsible for the relevant Team

2.6 “Participant” shall have the meaning specified in the ECB Directives.

2.7 “Team” means any team competing in any Match.

3 Jurisdiction

3.1 These Regulations shall only apply to the Bob Willis Trophy.

3.2 These Regulations shall apply from the nomination of teams prior to the relevant Match until the conclusion of the relevant Match.

4 Each Team or host venue must ensure that it has an appropriately qualified medical professional present at the Match.

5 Failure by any Member (in respect of its Team or otherwise) or any Participant to comply with any of these Regulations may be referred to the Cricket Discipline Commission. However, this shall not exclude the possibility of a complaint being made to or action taken by any other body, such as the relevant professional body of a medical professional.

6 Covid Assessment

6.1 If during the course of the match a player or umpire displays COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19, or is prevented from participating as a result of applicable COVID-19 public health guidance, the player or umpire shall be removed from the match immediately. A Covid Replacement shall be requested for the player in accordance with Regulation 7.2

6.2 A not out batsman that displays COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19, or is prevented from participating as a result of applicable COVID-19 public health guidance is deemed to have retired pursuant to Law 25.4.2.

6.3 If a team is 9 wickets down and has a player that displays COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19, or is prevented from participating as a result of applicable COVID-19 public health guidance, no additional time shall be allocated to the innings for the assessment to be concluded ;

6.4 Where an umpire displays COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19, or is prevented from participating as a result of applicable COVID-19 public health guidance, Law 2.2 shall apply.

6.5 If a player or umpire displays COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19, or is prevented from participating as a result of applicable COVID-19 public health guidance, then their return to play in future cricket matches will be determined by current public health guidance and ECB Covid Medical Guidelines.

7 Activation of a Covid Replacement

7.1 A Covid Replacement cannot be activated without the formal notification of the suspected Covid diagnosis, positive Covid-19 test or prevention from participating in the match as a result of applicable Covid-19 public health guidance of the Covid Player to the Match Referee and/or umpire(s) in accordance with this Regulation 7.

7.2 The Appropriate Medical Professional shall formally notify the Match Referee and/or umpire(s) (either orally or in writing) of the suspected Covid diagnosis, positive Covid-19 test or prevention from participating in the match as a result of applicable Covid-19 public health guidance for the Covid Player, as soon as practicable.

7.3 Once this formal notification has been made it may not be withdrawn under any circumstances.

7.4 If initial formal notification is made orally, it must be followed up in writing from the Appropriate Medical Professional to the Match Referee and/or umpire(s) as soon as practicable with a copy of the completed Covid Replacement Report Form and the Appropriate Medical Professional must also ensure that relevant medical records are completed and uploaded onto the ECB Medical Records System. Covid management and reporting is required at all times to meet the appropriate medical standards.

7.5 Activation of a Covid replacement can take place at any time following the formal notification(s) made in Regulations 7.2 and 7.4 above, subject to Regulations 7.6 and 7.7 below.

7.6 Following the formal notification, if the Covid Player's Team wishes to activate the Covid Replacement, it must have its captain (or coach where the captain cannot reasonably practicably do so) formally nominate a player to the Match Referee and/or umpire(s) for approval (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) as the Covid Replacement for that Concussed Player for the remainder of the Match concerned. Save in exceptional circumstances only a 'like for like' player (or close as possible) shall be permitted as a Concussion Replacement, subject also to the following:

7.6.1 In circumstances where a Covid Replacement is required for an all-rounder the Match Referee and/or umpires(s) may take into account the role that the Covid Player would have been likely to play in the remainder of the Match.

7.6.2 The Match Referee may accept a Covid Replacement on a conditional basis, for example an all-rounder replacing a batsman on the condition that the Covid Replacement does not bowl spin or does not bowl at all. A signed written undertaking detailing any conditions, or stating that there no conditions, shall be submitted by the Captain of the team or his nominee to the Match Referee prior to a Covid Replacement being permitted.

7.6.3 In circumstances where a Team has more than one Covid Player and request to activate more than one Covid Replacement, the Match Referee shall take into account the overall loss of resource by the Team - in addition to the cricket still to be played in the Match - when considering approval for the second or subsequent Covid

Replacements. Conditions attached to previous Covid Replacements may, for example, be withdrawn.

7.7 The Match Referee and/or umpire(s) will make the final determination (in consultation with ECB Cricket Operations Department if required) on whether to approve the nominated player as a Covid Replacement for that Covid Player. The Match Referee's and/or umpire(s)' decision is final and there shall be no right of appeal.

7.7.1 The Team(s) activating the Covid Replacement shall have sole responsibility for ensuring that the nominated Covid Replacement meets the relevant eligibility and/or registration requirements that apply to the Match.

7.8 If the Covid Replacement is not immediately available, a substitute shall be allowed in accordance with Bob Willis Trophy Playing Condition 24.

7.9 If, at the time of activation, the Covid Replacement is replacing a:

7.9.1 Covid Player who has "retired not out" during his/her Team's current batting innings, the Covid Replacement may only bat in that innings (where possible) pursuant to Law 25 as though he/she was a batsman returning to his/her innings; or

NOTE: For scoring and statistical purposes, the Covid Replacement will be entered as an additional batsman and his/her innings will be considered separate to the innings of the Covid Player (who will remain "Retired – Not out"). However, the fielding side still only needs to take 10 wickets to end the batting Team's innings.

7.9.2 Covid Player who has "retired not out" during his/her Team's previous batting innings and that batting innings has since concluded, the Covid Replacement may bat at any position in the batting order in that team's subsequent batting innings (if any); or

7.9.3 Covid Player from the fielding Team, the Covid Replacement may enter the field of play pursuant to Law 24 as though he/she was a member of the fielding Team returning to play and without needing to serve any Penalty time.

7.10 Once replaced by a Covid Replacement, a Covid Player may take no further part in the Match concerned.