

Competition: Clubs should follow the guidance contained within the Safe Return to Playing Directives:

SPECTATORS:

- Spectators are now allowed at club grounds.
- However, there is a limit on the maximum number of spectators permitted for sport. Clubs should follow the calculations on page two to calculate the maximum capacity of their ground. As an example, using the calculation provided by Sport NI Return to Play **venue capacity**: a cricket ground can hold up to 130 spectators. This may vary depending on venue size. An example of the calculation can be found on page 2.
- The number of spectators plus the number of essential personnel is the maximum that should be at a venue during a match.
- There should be clear demarcation of Players, Match Officials and match volunteer zones and these should be kept separate to any spectator zones.

ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL:

Clubs should continue to ensure that only essential personnel are operating at matches.

Reminder: essential personnel should remain in demarked zones which are separate from spectators.

CONTACT TRACING:

- Cricket clubs are required to collect and maintain records of the contact details of visitors, customers and staff in accordance with NI Executive Regulations.
- However this may not apply to all facilities. For example, outdoor cricket facilities in public parks/ places where it is not possible or practical to collect information from all spectators.
- If a club is using a facility that is based in an open park/space then the following guidance should be followed as an example:
 - A cricket club in a public open space will not be required to 'patrol' the boundary collecting the contact details of everybody walking through the

park and stopping to watch the cricket, but should continue to collect contact details of any person on site interacting with the clubhouse area, any seating areas provided by the club or interacting with any other club owned and/or operated facility.

- It is recommended clear demarcation is created to keep players and members of the public separate.

CHANGING ROOMS:

- NI Executive guidelines now permit the use of changing rooms by sports clubs and organisations. However, to minimise the risk associated with transmission of Covid-19 in indoor settings the following guidance is recommended for clubs:
 - Social distancing should still be maintained in all indoor settings, including changing rooms.
 - Players and coaches should not congregate in the changing rooms.
 - Numbers using changing rooms at any one time should be minimised, whilst ensuring social distancing can still be maintained.
 - Clubs/Teams should avoid holding team meetings in changing rooms.
 - Participants should shower and change at home where possible, and those that do need to use changing rooms should minimise time spent inside.
 - Clubs and venues should inform visitors that these are areas of increased risk.

IN BETWEEN INNINGS:

- Players and Match Officials must wash their hands.
- Tea rooms must not be utilised between innings.
- It is recommended that cricket teas should not be provided.
- Players/Match Officials must bring their own food/drinks to consume.
- Food and drink must not be shared.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times.



Wash your hands



Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing



Avoid touching your face



Keep surfaces clean



Stop shaking hands and hugging



Keep a safe distance

Spectators Calculation

On a flat cricket ground with no terracing, the capacity is calculated using the recommended 2m physical distance between 2 persons with an additional 0.6m allowed for the width of each person (including movement). This gives an area of 2.6 x 2.6 for each person = 6.7m²

When this requirement is placed onto a standard club cricket ground it gives a safe capacity of 130 using the example below:

Circumference of cricket ground = Distance to boundary x 2 x π (65m x 2 x 3.141592) = 408.41m

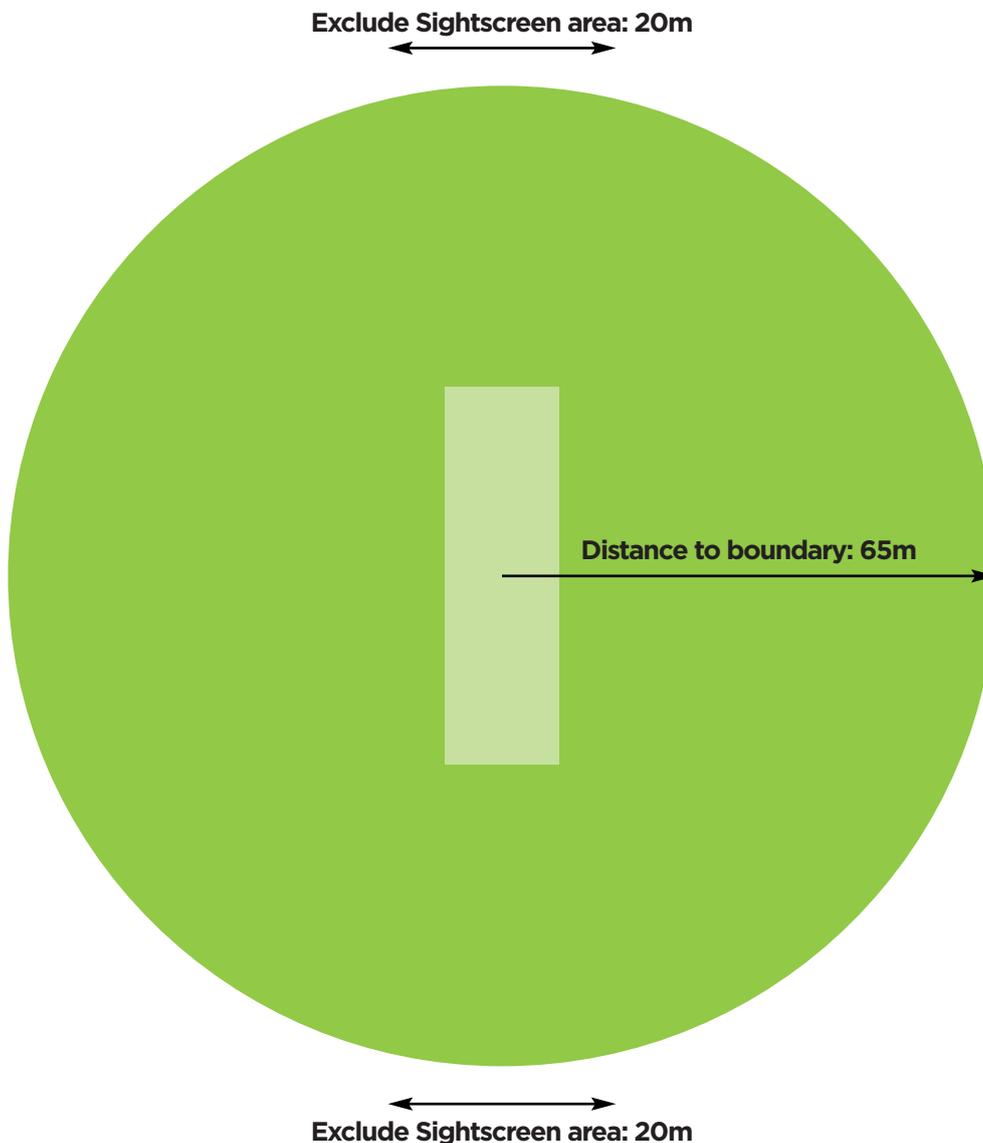
Less: Sightscreens = 2 x 20m = 40m

Less: Players and Officials area = 30m

Total Spectator Zone = 408.41 - 40 - 30 = 338.41m

Divided by distance required per spectator of 2.6m

Spectators permitted = 338.41/2.6 = 130



Club should calculate their capacity based on the example above using their own specific boundary dimensions and account for any additional areas which may need to be excluded for spectators