

Officiating Forum

Prior to a match:

Umpires/Officials should:-

- Read Personal Risk Assessment
- Read "OPT IN" statement
- Use Symptom Checker
- Ask venue/Home team about Entry/Exit protocol. (One way system)
- Be notified Who is COVID 19 Officer (Home Team)
- Ensure ALL equipment is Cleaned prior to play. (Teams responsibility)
- Arrive ready to Umpire (in Kit, with Whistle, timer, Drink)
- Travel independently.

On Arriving:

Umpires/Officials should :-

- Arrive on Time. (not too early)
- Register through Track and Trace QR system at venue.
- Complete Health screening
- Carry out pre match checks. Player checks from 2M
- Ensure there are 2 sanitised Match balls- Contaminated balls should be swapped promptly. Eg. If ball enters adjacent court, touches a spectator outside court area.
- Stop play to sanitise post/protectors if touched by players.
- Give an umpire briefing to both teams, to include:
 - 1) What bib alternatives are to be used
 - 2) Advise NO stepping in (GS?)
 - 3) Sanitise ball every 15 mins or sooner.

Coin toss- Home team only to touch coin.#

Post Match

Umpires/Officials should:

- Wait for teams to exit court.
- Sign paperwork using own pen
- Take personal items and exit courts
- Follow exit requirements- One way system.
- If Umpiring multiple Matches, Umpires should "Check in" for each match- QR Track and Trace.
- Sanitise hands following Match.

Game Modifications

- At a multiple court venue it is preferable to leave middle courts free.
- Umpiring where multiple courts are in use.
 - 1) When courts are side by side- Umpires position to RIGHT of Centre circle.
 - 2) When courts are End to End- Umpires position short of the post.
- Scorers should be positioned away from benches and spectators and remain 2M apart. (Teams Provide own score sheets. Umpires to time Matches, Stoppages intervals)
- At start of play, Players must be 4 ft apart. GK/GS must position in goal Circle.
- No idle interactions. (players 4 ft apart)
- During active play. Players may be: Beside when contesting, Behind a player, Moving/ Confusing space, whilst within 4 ft.
- Umpires should remind players constantly at quarter and half time intervals if necessary.
- When Penalised, a player must position 4 ft away.
- No Toss ups- Ball awarded to team in possession prior to infringement.
- Games 4 x 10 minutes
- Umpires should be 4 ft apart at match intervals.
- Umpires MUST sanitise hands at start of each quarter.
- Player must wait to enter court at start of each quarter. (Umpires whistle)
- Follow injury protocols. Allow extra time if necessary. Ensure area is sanitised and dry.
- Do not touch ball. Team in possession, when play is stopped to take ball and sanitise it. Team with first centre pass to their bring Match ball onto court for next quarter.
- Circle players may be within 4 ft if they:
 - Move/Confuse space on circle edge, Are side on to their opponent, Are behind their opponent.
- Shooters should be reminded to NOT STEP IN.- Hold Time, ask shooter to step back. Restart play. If this is continuous, speak to teams, captains and coaches in the next interval.

Game Management

Umpires should:

- Give frequent reminders to players using “Quiet word”
- Speak to Coaches and Captains at quarter/Half time to reinforce reminders.
- Deal with persistent or Deliberate risk promptly.
- Escalate serious infringements using Game Management.
- Remind Players, Captains and Coaches of NO excessive shouting. (Quiet word)

Umpires are NOT responsible for Health Screening of individuals or for sanitising equipment.

EN Recommendations

Umpires may play and umpire as follows:

- Play one match maximum per day. (This advice is for Players too)
- Officiate no more than 2 matches a day, to ensure they keep mental sharpness.

Advise Not using Changing Facilities

Domestic Guidance.

Gloves cannot be sanitised and preferably should not be worn. (use discretion)

Face Masks inhibit breathing. (use discretion)