

VMCU Covid Policies and Clarifications 2021 Carnival

Procedure for Sweat and/or Saliva Placed on the Ball.

At no stage should any participant place sweat and/or saliva on the cricket ball for any purpose.

If it is the opinion of the umpire(s) that sweat and/or saliva has been placed on the ball, they may apply the following procedures:

- a) The umpires(s) shall call time, if necessary
- b) The umpire(s), if they feel that health and safety has compromised to such an extent that play has become dangerous, may choose to abandon the match
- c) The umpire(s) will direct the fielding captain to carry out the cleaning direction on the ball before resuming play.
- d) Should in the opinion of the Umpires a player deliberately applies sweat or saliva on the ball the Umpires shall advise the player and captain to cease. Should there be three or more instances of deliberate application by a player the Umpires shall report the player as per Rule 22 of the playing conditions.

Cleaning of the Ball and player hand sanitising

- a) The ball is to be cleaned and players hands to be sanitised at each drinks break.
- b) For 40 overs or less and unless agreement is reached beforehand the drinks break will occur at the half way mark of the innings
- c) For over 40 overs there will be a minimum of two drinks breaks as decided at the start of each innings.
- d) Umpires are not to touch the ball.
- e) Fielding team to supply hand sanitiser.

Ball contacted by spectators

- a) The ball is to be returned to the captain of the fielding team to be cleaned.

Balls Striking clothing on the Field of play

- a) There shall be no penalty applied to a ball hitting any clothing placed on the field of play due to COVID restrictions.
- b) In this instance play will continue as if the ball has not touched the clothing and any runs and wickets will count.

Clarification of Catching positions for inner ring- Rule 16.10

- a) The wicket keeper is not a designated catcher.
- b) Positions from slip to point and leg slip can be classified as a catcher for this rule.

Clarification of Rule 25.6 Balls face by U12 Male batters

All balls (regardless of whether wides/no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count