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## **Washington Cricket League Inc**

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## **Message from the President**

Dear WCL Community,

WCL Executive Committee can confirm that we now have our third reported COVID-19 positive case in the past seven days. The following member clubs have reported COVID-19 positive cases: DC Capitals CC (1), Potomac CC (1), and Afghan CC of USA (1). As a result, all WCL games from September 19, 2020 to September 27, 2020 have been cancelled, and will be rescheduled to a later date. This will allow players from all clubs to have a 14-day quarantine period, before resuming any cricketing activity in the league. In addition, all players and officials who have been in close contact with these players should monitor closely for any symptoms, and may undergo testing prior to engaging in any further cricketing activities in the league.

Furthermore, any WCL player that participates in cricketing activities outside of the Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) area during this time will not be allowed to participate in any WCL games until they have quarantined for at-least 14 days. All players and match officials who have been in close contact with any COVID-19 positive tested player from any sporting league across the country should monitor closely for any symptoms, and may undergo testing, in addition to the 14-day quarantine requirement, prior to engaging in any further cricketing activities in the league. Players and match officials violating the 14-day quarantine requirement will not be allowed to participate in any WCL games for the rest of 2020 season.

In addition, if a player from any WCL member club gets tested positive for COVID-19 on or after September 20, 2020, all remaining regular season games for that club shall be abandoned, and shall not be rescheduled. If a player from any WCL member club gets tested positive for COVID-19 on or after October 4, 2020, all remaining regular season games, as well as all playoff games for that club shall be abandoned, and shall not be rescheduled.

Furthermore, before the start of every WCL game, all club administrators and/or team captains will be required to take forehead temperatures for all players in their team that are participating in that game. This must be done in presence of the match official and/or the opposition captain. The match official will also be required to undergo a forehead temperature check before officiating in any WCL game. Any player or match official that is exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms shall not be allowed to participate in that game. Players and match officials violating these requirements shall not be permitted to participate in remaining WCL games for the 2020 season. All players and match officials will be required to maintain at-least 6 feet of social distancing at all times, while outside the playing field. In case maintaining 6 feet distance is not possible, all players and match officials must wear a mask, while outside the playing field.

These additional precautionary measures have been taken after considering the health and safety of all players and match officials, which are of utmost importance, and cannot be compromised. All players and match officials are recommended to refer to the 'COVID-19 Return to Cricket Guidelines' posted on the WCL website, as well as the CDC guidelines posted on CDC's website, for additional guidelines pertaining to COVID-19. A revised schedule for the remainder of 2020 season will be announced in the coming days.

Everyone please stay safe, stay healthy!

Regards.

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