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## Dunbar RFC

In this latest edition of Club Communications there's a look at the winners announced for Scottish Rugby Development Awards; a reminder about the Club Hardship Fund; information about online coaching webinars; and Coronavirus guidance.



# Scottish Rugby Development Award winners announced

**The 2020 Scottish Rugby Development Award winners from Caledonia North, Glasgow North and Glasgow South have been confirmed.**

The Scottish Rugby Development Awards celebrate and recognise the efforts of players, coaches, match officials and volunteers from the domestic game across all five regions' of Scotland.

Award ceremonies were held digitally on two of the regions respective Facebook pages, Caledonia North and Glasgow North in light of current coronavirus restrictions.

Glasgow South used Facebook to announce their winners also.

Awards winners were announced for five categories including; Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the season in youth rugby, Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the season in schools' rugby, Tennent's Volunteer of the season in adult rugby, Mitsubishi Motors Young volunteer of the season and Tennent's Community club of the season.

[Find out more](#)

## Club Hardship Fund

**The application process for clubs to request funding from Scottish Rugby's newly created Club Hardship Fund (CHF) has been published. Applications can be submitted from 30 March.**

The fund was set up by Scottish Rugby to support clubs during the 2020 Covid-19 outbreak and premature end of the 2019/20 season.

The fund is designed to provide grants to clubs to sustain their business during this unprecedented period.

The CHF is intended to support clubs' current costs and outgoings so that they can maintain operations from closedown on 15 March 2020 until 31 July 2020.

If the closedown period extends beyond this, Scottish Rugby will review the position of the CHF.

Clubs can ordinarily apply for up to a maximum of £5,000 from the CHF, though larger sums may be considered in exceptional circumstances. The deadline for applications is Thursday 30 April 2020.

Applications will be assessed and ranked by Scottish Rugby against the following six categories:

- \* People - Impact on the full or part time staff required to maintain club continuity
- \* Premises - Where non-payment of rent or mortgages would put the club at risk of losing playing facilities
- \* Utilities - What mitigations a club has taken to lower these costs
- \* Grounds - The need to maintain the grounds fit for playing purposes
- \* Finance - Current financial position and cash reserves
- \* Clubs in Areas of Deprivation - The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland where additional funding may be hard to come by.

Clubs are encouraged to read the Club Hardship Fund Guidelines documentation before starting the application process.

[Find out more](#)



## Online Learning Resources

World Rugby provides a range of free on-line learning resources at their website.

If you or your players have some downtime why not [sign-up](#), try out the site and learn a little more about one of the many topics available!

## Consultations

Rugby may be in lock down for the moment but preparations for next season continue apace, including a range of Consultations about possible rule changes.

To see all of our open consultations, and to provide your views, please click [HERE](#).

# Online coaching webinars

**Scottish Rugby has attracted over 150 club and school coaches to a live online coaching webinar this week as practitioners find creative ways to work within the COVID-19 restrictions.**

The session, on Thursday 26 March at 3pm, will be led by Scotland U20 and Caledonia North FOSROC Academy coach, Kris Burney and Scottish Rugby's Head of Training and Education, Neil Graham.

The session will focus on the defence principles and practices used by the Scotland U20 squad during the recent U20 6 Nations campaign.

A recording of the session will also be available to all clubs via Scottish Rugby's online training portal Hive Learning.

Any coaches wishing to join the webinar can register [HERE](#).

The Rugby Development department will be using the current 'shutdown' opportunity to move some of its face-to-face workshops online, and if all goes well these will run weekly.

[Find out more](#)

# Coronavirus guidance

Scottish Rugby would urge all clubs to ensure government advice is followed in relation to staying at home, observing correct social distancing if out in public and to try and get one exercise session a day.

We have, and will continue to promote, NHS Scotland hygiene advice and protocols to our staff and supporters and would encourage all clubs to use government information and NHS advice as the most reliable guide.

If you have any specific questions the NHS Inform site has relevant information and links [HERE](#).

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