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Dunbar RFC

In this latest edition of Club Communications there's an update following today's meeting with the Scottish Government; an update from the Threat Management Group; and information on our Care for your Club series.

Scottish Rugby update - Scottish Government meeting 29 May

Scottish Rugby participated in a successful meeting with Minister for Sport Joe FitzPatrick and Scotland's National Clinical Director Professor Jason Leitch today.

A detailed presentation was put forward drawing on the work of Scottish Rugby's Threat Management Group and its respective sub-working groups which are looking at a phased approach to resuming elite rugby, future matchday planning and developing guidance for the community game in light of the challenges presented by COVID-19.

Following the Scottish Government's own roadmap timetable out of the lockdown, plans were shared which outlined how elite rugby preparations could be delivered in the coming weeks in line with public health guidance.

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive, Mark Dodson, Chief Operating Officer Dominic McKay, Chief Medical Officer, Dr James Robson and Claire Harkness, Group Head of Stadium Operations and included input from Scottish Rugby's High Performance dept, stadium operations and events teams.

[Read more](#)

Threat Management Group update

This week the TMG and the supporting workstreams have made excellent progress in planning the safest strategies to return to rugby.

Each subgroup has adopted learnings from other sports, unions and clubs around the world and are meticulously assessing all possible options at hand; completing thorough risk assessments and producing fully comprehensive guidance documents detailing their preferred recommendation.

Following the First Minister's announcement on Thursday 21 May unveiling a four-phase "route map" to restarting society, we are confident we will be able to soon secure Government approval to begin our phased resumption of elements of our sport. The Govt focus remains on the Elite side but we are working hard to seek clarity and guidance for Grassroots. We are doing this in collaboration with the SFA and the Scottish Government and presented to the Minister for Sport Joe FitzPatrick today, Friday 29 May.

[TMG Subgroups:](#)

The work of the various workstreams continues;

The **Return to Community Rugby** workstream led by Sheila Begbie and her team is developing a roadmap for what resuming grassroots rugby could look like. Focus for this group is;

- * Supporting our community game and ensuring an understanding of what the Government phases mean for our sport at grassroots level.
- * Consideration for timelines to restarting competitive rugby.
- * Providing advice to clubs on how to maintain their facilities during the lockdown period.
- * It is anticipated that guidance for Grassroots sport will come from UK / Scottish Government which could support this group.

The **Return to Training** workstream continues to work on the operations manual with Phase 1 now nearing completion.

The **Return to Play** workstream again is making progress and is considering areas for future matchdays including;

- * Various ticketing models looking at social distancing restrictions to calculate approximate capacities
- * Access protocols to maximise the available space
- * Socially distanced hospitality layouts / service

The **Return to Scottish Rugby Hospitality** workstream is considering;

- * Changes to methods of service
- * Possible capacities for hospitality and conferences
- * Use of IT and technology
- * PPE

Community Rugby

- * Club Hardship Fund - Clubs that applied will be notified w/c 8 June with payments made by the end of June.

Find out more



Consultations

Scottish Rugby regularly consults on a range of regulatory topics.

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

Regulatory Contacts

During 'lockdown' we would remind clubs to use the following email addresses for their regulatory queries:

Club insurance: clubinsurance@sru.org.uk

International clearance: clearances@sru.org.uk

Rugby disciplinary: discipline@sru.org.uk

Tour approvals: tourapprovals@sru.org.uk

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We are aware that for many clubs, the lockdown period has made day-to-day facilities care very difficult. It is important, however, that these tasks are not entirely neglected in the coming weeks and months. We have shared advice via two webinars that are available to watch back and a facilities checklist, supported by Royal Bank Rugby Force and sportscotland.

In the Care for your Club series, we bring you advice from Graham Finnie, Lead Manager - Facilities at sportscotland on what clubs can and should be doing to look after their facilities during lockdown. We also hear from Kenny Scott, Facilities Manager at Scottish Rugby on what he and his team are doing during the lockdown period.

All guidance in video was given in line with Government advice at the time of recording:
Thurs 7th May.

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