



Scottish Rugby Clubs & Schools Communications

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Dunbar RFC

In this latest edition of Club Communications, there are details on Phase 3 guidelines regarding Return to Rugby for Clubs and Schools, the latest from the COVID-19 Threat Management Group, news about Royal Bank Rugby Force, and information about PVG applications.



Return to Rugby Stage 3 guidelines for Clubs and Schools

Scottish Rugby has released the Return to Rugby Stage 3 guidance for clubs and schools to follow the Scottish Government's own Phase 3 announcement yesterday (9 July).

The Stage 3 guidance has been developed by the Scottish Rugby Threat Management Group's Return to Rugby sub-group and comes into effect as of Monday 13 July.

Detailed information can be found at <https://www.scottishrugby.org/clubs-and-schools/return-to-rugby>.

A webinar is being held at 3pm today, Friday 10 July, and you can register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycu3m4h8> to provide an update to clubs and schools on all aspects of the Stage 3 guidance. The webinar will be recorded and uploaded to the Scottish Rugby website.

From Monday 13 July, Children and Young People (up to under 18) will be able to participate in restricted Touch Rugby activities. Adults (18 and over) will be able to participate in small group (max 15 players from max 5 households) training activity using a ball. The difference

in permitted activity between children/young people and adults is due to medical evidence young people are believed to be less likely to transmit the virus.

From Wednesday 15 July, Indoor Hospitality can reopen but will be subject to physical distance rules and guidance. Clubs who wish to reopen an indoor catering area must adhere to Scottish Government guidance which can be found here - www.gov.scot/coronavirus.

At this stage, all other indoor facilities (except toilets) must remain closed until further notice (inc. gyms and changing rooms).

Clubs are reminded that Covid-19 Safety Coordinators can be nominated by clicking here - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VF2PWSD>

A safety coordinator Phase 3 update webinar will take place on Tuesday 14 July at 7:00pm – further details - <https://tinyurl.com/ydgfatzr>

Helpful information on all aspects of Scottish Rugby's Stage 3 guidance can be found here <https://www.scottishrugby.org/clubs-and-schools/return-to-rugby>.

Webinar registration

Threat Management Group update

Sent on behalf of Dom McKay, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr James Robson, Chief Medical Officer.

We hope this email finds you well.

Yesterday the First Minister confirmed Scotland's move into **Phase 3** of lockdown easing following the sustained decline in national statistics.

The most recent statistics indicate COVID has now been suppressed to a low level in Scotland, though it is important to remember the virus is not yet completely eliminated within the community and hence the FM urged everyone to remain cautious and follow the rules of the public health campaign, **FACTS**:

Face coverings in enclosed spaces – mandatory in shops from tomorrow

Avoid crowded places

Clean hands and surfaces regularly

Two-metre distancing

Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms

Some of the major changes confirmed in the ministerial briefing were:

10 July – Extended groups allowed to meet outdoors and a maximum of three households can meet indoors (with physical distancing)

13 July – Organised outdoor contact sports for children and young people can resume (subject to guidance), and non-essential shops inside shopping centres can re-open (following guidance and with physical distancing)

15 July – All holiday accommodation permitted (following relevant guidance), and indoor hospitality can resume (subject to physical distancing rules and public health advice)

More information on the changes can be found on the Scottish Government Coronavirus page [here](#).

Although these changes are certainly welcome and bring the prospect of a much brighter future, we remain on high alert until we are completely clear of the virus in order to guarantee the safety of all our people and continue making progress to resume rugby and

normal operations.

Please see below the weekly update from the TMG

The Return to Rugby Clubs & Schools group have been busy following the publication of their six-stage roadmap for season 2020/21. Sheila Begbie and her team hosted a well-attended webinar last Friday to provide further clarification of what the roadmap exactly means for clubs and offer them an opportunity to raise any questions they may have. Following the success of this webinar, Rugby Development plan to host webinars after every key Government announcement to maintain alignment within the rugby community, with another webinar scheduled for today at 3pm – registration link [here](#).

Also, to increase our reach across the wider rugby community, the group established a brand-new newsletter, The Clubhouse. The first issue of this ezine was released on Tuesday this week, providing the latest information and digital content to over 7,600 receipts to ensure even people involved in rugby across Scotland can be connected.

The focus of the TMG has also been on the Return to Events sub-group work. The team have produced a comprehensive operational plan, furnished with all the relevant health and safety documentation, advocating the concept of physically distanced matches at BT Murrayfield and a proposal for a small pilot event on Saturday 22 August for the PRO14 1872 Edinburgh v Glasgow match. This proposal is to be presented to the Government today (Friday) for review.

This plan has been developed in collaboration with Celtic FC and the SEC, and the team has drawn upon Scottish Government medical advice and specialist international event advice pertinent to protecting all those attending our events. This concept has been shared with, and supported by, the Scottish Government's Events Industry Advisory Group, Police Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council.

We are confident we can deliver this event safely and responsibly. As members of the Events Industry Advisory Group, we are at the centre of active collaboration between more than 120 senior representatives from across the sector, including event organisers, local authorities, venues and the supply chain. The aim of this group is to establish a unified voice to use in dialogue with the Government and facilitate the sector's recovery. We are delighted to say Scottish Rugby has been at the forefront of these discussions, and with this proposal and our close working relationship with the Scottish Government, we believe we can open the gateway for the Scottish Government to gradually and appropriately restart the wider major events sector and assist the recovery of the Scottish economy.

Further detail on current guidance within the events sector and the work of the Events Industry Advisory Group can be found on the VisitScotland webpage [here](#).

Finally, the Return to Training group continues to progress through Phase 1 of their training plan and have now focused their efforts on finalising plans for Phase 2.

It has certainly been encouraging to see the advances we are making in paving the way to restarting rugby and resuming normal operations across various aspects of the business, though again we would like to reiterate the need to remain cautious whilst the virus still poses a threat in society.

We would like to extend our thanks to you all again for your continued patience and take this opportunity to urge you to continue adhering to Government guidance, stay safe and protect others.

Dom McKay, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr James Robson, CMO.

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Anti-Doping: Hay Fever Remedies

UK Anti-Doping have issued guidance on the [use of hay fever remedies](#) (some of which may contain Prohibited Substances).

We would ask that you bring this advice to the attention of your players.

Player Payment Regulation

Scottish Rugby's updated Player Payment Regulation is now in force. The changes include clubs below the Premiership no longer being able to pay players to play or train.

The Player Payment Regulation is available from our website [here](#).

Royal Bank Rugby Force postponed



Following Scottish Government advice, Scottish Rugby and Royal Bank of Scotland have taken the difficult decision to postpone Royal Bank RugbyForce weekend which was due to take place 8th - 9th August.

We know that the weekend is something all clubs look forward to and you will be as disappointed as we are with the postponement. However the safety and wellbeing of you and your club members is of the foremost importance.

Royal Bank RugbyForce weekend will now form part of Scottish Rugby's Return to Rugby road map planning. Further information and guidance will follow in due course, once timescales become clear.

The Royal Bank RugbyForce team and Scottish Rugby will be keeping you up to date with grant funding awards, further support tools and RugbyForce weekend progress via the Scottish Rugby website, club comms and direct email to your club's Royal Bank RugbyForce co-ordinator.

[Full story here](#)

PVG Process Update

Please note that the PVG application system is now open to non-key worker roles, therefore clubs can start processing their PVG applications. The system has now moved online due to Covid-19 restrictions. Although now online, this is primarily the form now being available electronically, rather than an online system, therefore applicants should refer to the guidance for which sections to complete.

Please note that Scottish Rugby and Disclosure Scotland/VSDS staff are primarily working from home therefore we are unable to access paper forms and ALL applications should be made online.

Applications should still be made via Scottish Rugby by email, so that we are able to log these onto SCRUMS and assist with any queries and check applications for common errors.

Please note that the online application is in Word format and should be saved in that format with "FULL NAME CLUB NAME" as a reference.

For advice on who requires a PVG please refer to our website for further information and how to fill in the PVG applications for new member and scheme record updates – this can be found at <https://www.scottishrugby.org/safeguarding/advice-for-clubs>

The applicant should fill in the Microsoft Word version of the PVG form which can be found at <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/digital-routine-applications/> and then email the form to their club CPO using their NAME & CLUB NAME as reference.

CPOs should check the applicant's ID – advice on how to do this remotely can be found

at <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/pvg-and-coronavirus-covid-19/> (there is an FAQ section at the foot of the page with information on how to check ID)

Once the application form has been completed and ID checked by the CPO, the form should be emailed to safeguarding@srugby.org.uk, where it will be logged on our system, checked for errors and forwarded onto VSDS.

Please note we can only send through 5 x applications to VSDS at any one time, therefore we would ask that clubs send through applications as they are made, rather than submitting a large number in one go.

The applicant will receive their PVG certificate directly from Disclosure Scotland as normal and Scottish Rugby will receive their copy (usually around 10 days later), which will be logged and then the CPO notified of the applicant's PVG number and any other relevant information (if applicable) by email.

Please email any queries regarding this process to safeguarding@srugby.org.uk and your query will be answered as soon as possible. Please note that the Safeguarding team are currently working part time hours however the email account is monitored each day.



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