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Scottish Rugby Clubs & Schools Communications

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In this latest edition of Club Communications, you'll find information on a video for return to play protocols, the latest from the COVID-19 Threat Management Group, guidance regarding the virtual AGM and a reminder about the second stage of Scottish Rugby's Club Hardship Fund.



Return to Rugby – Updated Stage 3 Guidance

As per the Scottish Government announcement yesterday (30 July), the indicative date for a return to Adult contact rugby has been set as 24 August, as per Scottish Rugby's roadmap. Please note that this is an indicative date which is subject to change, in line with Scottish Government guidance, at any stage.

Scottish Rugby is working with the Scottish Government on a proposal which will bring the adult game in line with the youth game, with a modified return to contact starting with touch rugby from 24 August.

As of Monday 3 August, the only change to the current Stage 3 guidance will enable coaches working with adult players to coach an unlimited number of households per day (previously four). Limits on size and number of households in a group that a coach can work with at any one time remain. Please refer to the Stage 3 guidance issued on 10 July for further information at scottishrugby.org/news/return-to-rugby-stage-3

To support clubs in their Return to Rugby preparations, a player guidance video has been

developed to highlight the key information around Return to Rugby protocol and procedures. See the video [here](#).

To date over 4,000 people have completed the Covid-19 Return to Rugby e-learning module - <https://bit.ly/covid-19elearning>. It is recommended that all players, coaches, match officials, parents and volunteers complete the course before resuming activity.

[Watch video here](#)

Threat Management Group update

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

I hope this email finds you and your families well and that you get a chance to enjoy the nice weather this weekend.

It's been another busy week across Scottish Rugby for everyone, for my own part I was particularly pleased to spend some time in BT Murrayfield this week catching up – socially distanced of course – with colleagues who are working at BT Murrayfield. It also gave me an opportunity to check in on progress in respect of our new stadium build for Edinburgh Rugby. It was so exciting to see the progress that has been made since even my last visit a few weeks ago. The team at Edinburgh Rugby will be sharing some more imagery shortly and I am sure you will be impressed with the speed of progress.

Yesterday afternoon the Government announced that there will be no movement into Phase 4 as the virus is still a significant threat to public health, with minimal changes over the next 3 weeks as a result of this.

The advice has changed for those who test positive for Covid, are now advised to isolate for 10 days instead of 7. Contacts of those who test positive should continue to isolate for 14 days – and quarantine for people who have been travelling from non-exempt countries remains 14 days.

The Government confirmed that schools will return from 11 August with all pupils expected at school full-time from 18 August at the latest, further guidance will be published later.

Some very helpful statements made by The First Minister from our perspective following our ongoing discussions with the Scottish Govt included;

The Government announced that from Monday 14 September, it is hoped that sports stadia will be able to reopen from that day for a limited number of spectators, with physical distancing in place.

Some professional sports events may be arranged for spectators before then – with Scottish Government agreement – to test the safety of any new arrangements..

Return to Rugby Clubs & Schools - We have also had some very welcome news in respect of the grassroots game and are offering further guidance to clubs with regard to a potential phased return in line with the Government's revised route map.

Please find the Return to Rugby Player Guidance | Community Rugby Stage 3 video link [here](#).

Our Return to Events team have continued to work and plan for the various matches scheduled for the coming months. The team are in a good place with Health & Safety and operations in readiness for the Behind Closed Doors matches between Edinburgh & Glasgow.

Our Return to Training group have worked hard to get both teams back up and training in the last few weeks. Glasgow Warriors players are now back at their home training facility at Scotstoun having made the final transition on Monday this week. Edinburgh players continue their training at BT Murrayfield. Both Pro teams have been up for media this week. The good progress made this week is another further positive step in the return to rugby and is welcomed by both teams.

Finally, statistics indicate that COVID has 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 everyone has to remain cautious and follow the rules of the public health campaign,

FACTS:

Face coverings in enclosed spaces

Avoid crowded places

Clean hands and surfaces regularly

Two-metre distancing

Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms

Best wishes,

Dom McKay, Chief Operating Officer & Dr James Robson, Chief Medical Officer

#AsOne #StaySafeProtectOthersSaveLives

For Covid-19 updates



Virtual AGM

The Agenda and papers for the virtual section of our AGM have been uploaded to the Scottish Rugby website.

Player Payment Regulation

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

All AGM delegates will require a unique PIN to gain admission to the meeting, with pin numbers being emailed to participants by the meeting facilitator. The Secretary of each Full Member club has been asked to provide details of their club's two delegates – as a default we will, however, use the Secretary's email address to issue both log-ins.

If you have any questions on this please email graham.ireland@sru.org.uk.

train.

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

Club Hardship Fund - Phase 2 applications close on 9 August

Phase 2 of the Club Hardship Fund remains open for applications until 9 August. Clubs are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible to secure funding for safety checks prior to reopening their clubhouses.

Further details on the Fund including guidance on how to apply and the application form can be found on the Scottish Rugby website by clicking the link below.

Should any clubs have question about CHF2 they should direct them to rugbydevelopmentadmin@sru.org.uk

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