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Scottish Rugby Clubs & Schools Communications

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Dunbar RFC

In this latest edition of Club Communications, you'll find an information on the new Supporting Clubs Investment Programme, links to the Return to Rugby webinars and the latest from the Threat Management Group.



Supporting Clubs Investment Programme

To continue to support clubs during the unique set of circumstances the Covid-19 outbreak has created, Scottish Rugby has created the **Supporting Clubs Investment Programme (SCIP)** to assist clubs through season 2020-21.

For this season, the investment programme replaces Minimum Operating Standards / Club Sustainability Award and has been designed to reflect the current priorities and needs clubs have, which are quite distinct from previous seasons.

Aligned to Scottish Rugby's 4-point plan "Respond, Reset, Recover and Rebuild", the Supporting Clubs Investment Programme will seek to focus on 3 distinct categories:

- *Reset
- *Recover
- *Rebuild

Clubs are now invited to review the SCIP summary document and standards document on

the website and should please send the completed acceptance form in the standards document to rugbydevelopmentadmin@sru.org.uk by **15 November 2020**.

SCIP Documentation

Return to Rugby Update



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Return to Rugby Webinar

October 2020

Nationwide NHS Health Board Areas (excluding the central belt)

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Two Return to Rugby webinars for central belt and nationwide NHS health board areas were pre-recorded on Monday 12 October and are now available. The webinars clarify what impact the temporary restrictions introduced by the First Minister last week, have on rugby in Scotland.

Nationwide (except central belt areas) - click [here](#).

Central belt areas - click [here](#).



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Online Learning Resources

World Rugby provides a range of **free online 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!

WADA Code & Prohibited List

The World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) has published the revised **World Anti-Doping Code** for 2021. A summary of the changes being made to the WADA Code has been produced by UKAD and is available [here](#).

WADA has also published its 2021 **List of Prohibited Substances and Methods**. You can find the full 2021 List on WADA's website [here](#) and the WADA 2021 Summary of Major Modifications and Explanatory Notes [here](#).

Threat Management Group Update

Sent on behalf of The Threat Management Group

Dear Club members,

Hope this weekly email finds you and your families well.

Unfortunately the number in infections has continued to creep up across Scotland. Statistics from Thursday this week indicate 450 new cases in Greater Glasgow and Clyde, 374 in Lanarkshire, 161 in Lothian and 111 in Ayrshire and Arran. The remaining cases are distributed across other mainland health board areas.

Following the Scottish Government's new restrictions last week, the average daily number of new cases in Scotland has risen from 788 to 1178, the number of people in hospital with Covid has increased from 262 to 601 and the number of people in intensive care has doubled from 25 to 51.

Restrictions previously announced will stay in place within the hospitality and sports industries, with stricter rules imposed in the five local health board areas most affected.

Indoor hospitality should only be in operation between 6am and 6pm for the service of food and non-alcoholic drinks only.

Similarly, contact sport for over-18s is suspended, with an exception for professional sport.

The First Minister announced on Thursday that temporary restrictions are to be replaced with a more strategic approach when the current rules expire on Monday 26 October.

This would include different tiers or levels of restrictions in place based on local and national approaches depending on how the virus is spreading

For more information please follow this [link](#)

These restrictions whilst tough for everyone are in the interests of protecting our progress as a sport overall. We remind everyone of the importance of adhering to these guidelines at this particularly challenging time.

Our dialogue with government officials is on-going and it is worth noting that Scottish Rugby is in a slightly fortunate position in comparison to the Arts & Music industry for example in that our general operations can still continue, albeit at a much reduced level.

Our positive approach and consistent mitigations were endorsed by the National Clinical Director, Professor Jason Leitch in the press over the weekend, noting Scottish Rugby is leading the way within the industry and setting world-class standards.

We continue to encourage everyone to follow the **FACTS** to support the Government and to control the virus.

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

Work across our TMG sub groups continues, and we are indebted to the hard and smart work being delivered, please find updates below:

Return to Rugby Clubs & Schools

Following the FM's announcement last week, this sub group have escalated their work around community rugby.

The team have pre-recorded two webinars (see above), with Scottish Rugby President Ian Barr as a guest. One webinar is targeted to the five affected health board areas in the central belt under stricter restrictions, while the second webinar is for the rest of Scotland. The webinars are a follow up on the information circulated to clubs and schools last Friday.

As the government looks to align some of its work within its route map, the team are preparing to rework Scottish Rugby's Roadmap for relaunch at the end of October.

Return to Training

Edinburgh had an away match against Munster last weekend, the team travelled there and back with no issues to report.

The National Team are now in camp and settling in and adjusting well to the new protocols in place.

Scotland Women continue their preparation camps and training as they navigate through these challenging times ahead of an important set of fixtures.

Return to Events

This sub group continues to work through the various logistical challenges that COVID-19 brings to the upcoming GUINNESS PRO14 and Autumn Nations Cup matches.

With the Georgia team arriving next week, Scottish Rugby staff are supporting with the visiting team as Liaison Officers.

As a result of the new restrictions, we are planning for all of our October matches to be held behind closed doors and discussions continue with Scottish Government around a graduated return to spectators when it is appropriate to do so.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you and your families are all well.

Best,

Dom & Dr Robson

#AsOne #StaySafeProtectOthersSaveLives

A promotional banner for National Referee Webinars. The left side features a green background with the Scottish Rugby logo and the text 'NATIONAL REFEREE WEBINARS'. Below this, a blue box contains the text 'Refereeing Foul Play' and 'Monday 19 October, 7 - 8 pm'. The right side shows a referee in a yellow shirt on a field, with a 'Specsavers' logo in a green speech bubble above him. A green box at the bottom right states 'Presented by: Hollie Davidson & Sam Grove-White'.

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