



Warrington RUFC – COVID Briefing Update

“The Rule of Six “- 18th September 2020



These are unprecedented times, and we are doing all we can to deliver rugby whilst keeping everyone safe. We have done extremely well so far since the initial lock down on the 23rd March, and your co-operation has been much appreciated. We need it now more than ever for this coming weekend.

Warrington RUFC has sites in 2 very visible locations. It is imperative during these sensitive times that we all play our part in ensuring everyone stays safe. **Respect social distancing**, do not gather in groups of more than 6 and do not bring the club into disrepute, should a claim be made by passers-by complaining we are not respecting the new law. Whilst offenders can be fined up to a maximum of £3200, the club itself has much to lose with potential fines of up to £10,000 and our ability to play rugby.

Below is the latest RFU update on community rugby. Please note that all WRUFC teams are currently only training and are adhering to the guidelines. The guidelines are also available on the WRUFC website:

Community rugby - current status



Although social gatherings of more than six people were banned in England from Monday 14 September, the Government has confirmed that organised sports and activities that have been through return to play protocols can continue. With the exception of clubs impacted by local lockdown restrictions, we continue at Stage D on the [Return to Community Rugby Roadmap](#). The rugby community can continue to organise non-contact fixtures with other clubs using [Ready4Rugby](#), and other touch rugby activity.

Limited and restricted contact rugby training can also be continued. Details of the permitted training activity are available in the return to contact training guidance link below.

We are working to see whether guidance on numbers permitted on training areas can be increased to reflect the age of participants. Until we have secured approval for this, clubs should follow current guidance of no more than 20 players per half pitch in training.

RFU guidance as well as [Government Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Guidelines](#) must be followed.

What is clear is that whilst we might understand what we need to do, many of our neighbours will be unaware of the exemptions for organised sporting events set against the Rule of 6 law and that we follow guidelines from the RFU.

With this in mind, we also need to put in place the following measures:

- For Micros and Minis one parent only, maintaining social distancing and not congregating in groups of more than 6.
- For Juniors and Colts, no parents unless the child has specific medical needs (and if so, not congregating in groups of more than 6).
- For seniors, not more than 6 spectators, maintaining social distancing.
- If a Marshal onsite at GSC asks you to park in a certain place or to follow the onsite signage and procedures do not argue, please do as requested.
- Coaches, Team Managers, First Aiders and other volunteers are not spectators.

As a club we will review these measures on an ongoing basis and are also considering the following additional actions:

- Speaking to or leafletting local neighbours to advise them of the specific rules and that we are adhering to them.
- Advise local authorities and / or the local Community Police Office of training schedules.

If you have any queries please contact the WRUFC COVID group via the following email: welfare@warringtonruffc.co.uk

Please don't be the reason for rugby to stop at our club.

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