



# Return to Rugby

## Friendly Fixture Organisation and Pitch Layouts

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This document provides a checklist of the pre, during and post match activities that clubs and schools should undertake to ensure compliance with the latest Scottish Government guidance.

PRIOR TO MATCH DAY	
Item	Completed
<b>Match Day Risk Assessment</b> is completed and signed by the Club Committee and COVID-19 Safety Coordinator (in line with Return to Rugby and Scottish Government guidelines and restrictions) - <a href="#">Click here</a> .	
<b>Safeguarding</b> - All youth coaches MUST have a PVG	
<b>Registration</b> a. All players and coaches are registered on SCRUMS b. Friendly fixtures (Youth and Adult level) are required to be registered with Scottish Rugby in advance of the match taking place. Email <a href="mailto:competitions@sru.org.uk">competitions@sru.org.uk</a> to register the friendly fixture. This will support any insurance claims and the test and protect process.	
<b>Match Day Information Sheet</b> - A Match Day Information Sheet (including advice on entry points, what to expect, arrival time, what people can/can't bring etc.) is produced for the home and away team and match officials prior to match day.  Matches may need to be cancelled at last minute, so plans should be in place to confirm how this would be communicated to all participants.	
<b>Club-to-Club Liaison</b> - COVID-19 Safety Coordinators to liaise with their counterparts in advance of the game. The home club COVID-19 Safety Coordinator or Team Leader to be present on the day to ensure all Covid related protocols are in place and followed by both clubs.	
<b>Team Sheets</b> - Recorded on the SCRUMS system as per normal match protocol. (submitted within 48hrs of kick off).	
<b>Changing Facilities</b> - Changing rooms, toilets and showers can re-open (recommendations apply). Consideration should be given to group sizes and staggered usage.	
<b>Match Officials</b> - Match Officials to be requested via the appropriate referee society, providing as much advanced notice as possible.	
<b>Kick-off times and scheduling</b> - Kick-off times at a venue should be staggered to avoid unnecessary congestion. If multiple fixtures are taking place at the same venue, consideration should be given to the entry and egress routes for players and support personnel to ensure bubbles do not mix.	

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MATCH DAY - PRE-MATCH	
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<b>People management</b> - Entrance and exit to the ground should be monitored to ensure only permitted participants and support personnel enter.	
<b>Hygiene</b> - Ensure the facility aligns to the hygiene standards set out by <b>sportscotland</b> .	
<b>Parking</b> - Car parks should be carefully managed to avoid unnecessary congestion. Staggered kick-off times will support this.	
<b>Check-in</b> - Everyone involved in the match needs to be checked in to aid the contact tracing process.	
<b>Briefing</b> - COVID-19 Team leads, Match Officials and Team captains to be briefed on the host venue protocols on arrival.	
<b>Pitch</b> - Clearly marked with Technical Zones and Green Zones as per pitch layout guidance	
<b>Warm-ups</b> - These can take place within the pitch zone.	
<b>Equipment</b> - All match equipment should be cleaned / sanitised prior to being used (e.g. balls, cones, post protectors). We also encourage balls and post protectors to be cleaned at half time.	
<b>Game On</b> - The 'Game On' principles are designed to provide flexibility within the laws of the game to help fixtures go ahead. A match can go ahead under any or all of the Game On principles if both team captains and the referee agree before kick-off. Only applicable to friendly matches.	
MATCH DAY - DURING THE MATCH	
Item	Completed
<b>Substitutes</b> - Substitutes should always remain at the sideline, preferably in a seated area away from the pitch to avoid overcrowding. Warm-ups should take place on another pitch or in the dead ball areas.	
<b>Support Personnel</b> - Should remain in the Technical Zones.	
<b>Spectators</b> - Spectators are permitted (max 5,000 capacity outdoors) under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where supervising a child and/or vulnerable person.</li> <li>• where a rugby fixture or event is organised and takes place at premises whose entrances and exits are controlled (indoors and outdoors) for the purpose of crowd and capacity management in line with Scottish Government guidance.</li> </ul>	
MATCH DAY - POST MATCH	
Item	Completed
<b>Exit</b> - Players, Coaches and Match Officials should exit the pitch quickly and safely.	
<b>Equipment</b> - All match equipment should be cleaned / sanitised after use (e.g. balls, cones, post protectors).	
<b>Team Sheets</b> - Team sheets are required to be uploaded to SCRUMS within 48hrs of the final whistle. Each club has designated SCRUMS users who have access to undertake this action.	
<b>Check out</b> - All players, coaches, spectators to check out of the venue when leaving.	





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### Match Day Squad & Personnel

Bubble sizes are determined by the Scottish Government restrictions Level. Please see level specific documents for details.

### Pitch Layout & Zones

In line with Scottish Government guidance, clubs and schools must ensure that pitch zones are clearly laid out prior to any friendly matches taking place. Once a match is finished, normal household rules apply.

### Touch, Mini and Youth Rugby pitches

#### PITCH ZONE

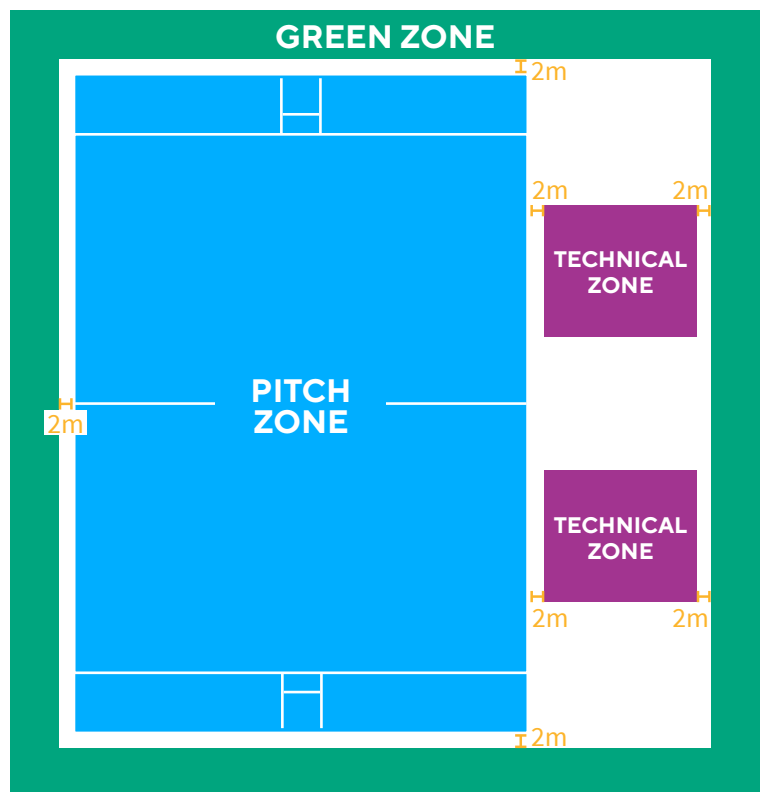
Only players and match officials can enter this zone during a match. Coaches and subs must remain in the technical zones during a match. The only exception is for medical personnel who wear the appropriate levels of PPE.

#### TECHNICAL ZONE

Technical zones are set-up min. 20m apart and min. 2m from the pitch zone. All people in this zone must remain min. 2m physically distanced at all times.

#### GREEN ZONE

Must be min. 2m from the pitch zone and/or technical zones. In some cases this will be a stand or terraced areas or, where such do not exist, the area surrounding the pitch used for access. Spectators are not permitted at present.



When setting up multiple small pitches (e.g. 4 x mini rugby pitches) on the full size rugby pitch, please ensure:

- Minimum 10m distance between pitches
- Parents/guardians kept min 2 from the pitch at all times
- Entrance and exit routes are clearly visible for each pitch.
- Timings are staggered to avoid congestion

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