

Season 21/22 Operational update and changes to operating procedures – 11 August 2021

As we look forward to the return of competitive rugby from the weekend commencing 4 September, Rugby Development would like to update clubs on some operational changes.

Match day moment of silence

We are extremely pleased that the Tennent's Men and Women's Leagues will resume as planned on the weekend of 4 and 5 September.

As the competitive grassroots game returns, Scottish Rugby's President and Vice President have asked that our clubs take the time before each fixture to hold a moment of silence to remember all those in our rugby communities who we have sadly lost over the course of the pandemic.

Many of our clubs have experienced the loss of valued club members over the past year and a half. Not only those lost to the Coronavirus but also to others that did not have the opportunity to return to our clubs one final time. It is felt that a minute of silence will serve to remind ourselves of those that are no longer with us.

Clubs may also wish to consider showing their gratitude with a round of applause for those members in their clubs that are Key Workers and have supported our communities during this dreadful time. Recognition for those club members from the NHS and others we are sure will be much appreciated.

Results reporting

Taking effect earlier this year on 2 July, all fixture results will now be required to be submitted via SCRUMS.

This new process has been developed in light of the passing of Ron Evans earlier this year, who previously collated results via Rerite Sports. Ron gave more than 45 years of tireless service to the game of rugby in Scotland and it is no exaggeration to say that every club in the country has benefited from his dedication and owes him a debt of gratitude.

SCRUMS has now been enabled to allow club administrators to self-report the results of competition fixtures.

Now, Scottish Rugby will require **both home and away teams** to report the outcome of their fixture, along with the number of tries scored. Provided results entered by the home team correspond to the results entered by their opposition the results will be saved. SCRUMS will then update the league tables on the Scottish Rugby website, so it is vital clubs complete these steps and do so accurately.

In the event that there is a discrepancy in the results entered by the home team and/or their opposition, both teams will be encouraged to talk to each other in order to resolve the difference

and correct this in the system.

If a result is not entered, an email reminder will be sent by the Competitions department asking clubs to complete this step.

Further guidance on reporting fixture results can be viewed [HERE](#).

Clubs are also reminded that they are required to upload their teamsheets after each fixture.

[Covid-19 case reporting](#)

Scottish Rugby would ask that Clubs continue to alert us should you have incidences where a positive Covid-19 test at the club.

Please continue to report such incidences through covidreporting@sru.org.uk.

Clubs should continue to follow all relevant Scottish Government advice when dealing with a positive case.

[Scottish Rugby Access Cards](#)

Scottish Rugby wish to inform clubs and societies that 'Scottish Rugby Access Cards' will not be produced for the 2021/22 season.

Previously these cards were used by members of the rugby community - including Match Officials, Council Members, former Scottish Rugby Presidents, Scottish Rugby staff and other contractors delivering services to the club game - to gain access to a Scottish Rugby competition fixtures free of charge.

As each club will have their own procedures in place to allow them to manage any covid-19 restrictions which may remain based on Scottish Government guidance (e.g. collection of contact details for those entering the club house or other indoor spaces) the decision has been taken to suspend the issue of Access Cards for this season.

We would ask clubs to continue to allow access to those individuals who would previously have been issued with an Access Card.

We ask that those who would be entitled to access fixtures for the 2021/22 season to contact the visiting club that they may be visiting to confirm their attendance and make arrangements to comply with any operational request from the club to allow them to meet their obligations under any of the remaining Scottish Government Guidance.