

SCOTTISH RUGBY UNION
RESUMED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 26 SEPTEMBER 2021
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions were received in advance of the Resumed Meeting and were responded to at the Meeting by the President, as Chair of the Meeting, as indicated below.

Member submitting Question	Questions(s)	Answer (s)
Croy RFC	<i>Q1. International Matches</i>	
	<p><i>(a) How do Club members living outwith Scotland guarantee access to Murrayfield Stadium for international matches as they are unlikely to have a Scottish Government vaccine passport?</i></p> <p><i>(b) What discussions have you had with WRU / Welsh Government about Club members based in Scotland gaining access to the Millennium Stadium for the Wales v Scotland game in February 2022, when they will be unable to show an English/Welsh NHS Covid Pass to prove they have been fully vaccinated.</i></p>	<p>I can tell you that dialogue is continuing between ourselves, various other stadium and events operators and the Scottish Government over vaccine passports and stadium access and how that will work in practice. The fact that many of our customers come from outside Scotland has been mentioned as part of that. We will clearly have to work within whatever regulations are finally applied by the Government but at the moment those discussions haven't reached a conclusion. We will confirm the arrangements as soon as we can.</p> <p>Similarly, we will confirm the position in connection with the game in Wales as soon as we are able - that clearly involves both governments as well as ourselves and WRU. It is a number of months away and the immediate priority is the Autumn Tests. That should provide us with a decent platform to work from for the 6 Nations matches.</p>
	<i>Q2. - 5G pitches</i>	
	<i>A document has recently been published suggesting some Clubs may be looking to gain access to "soft loans and grants to enable say, the installation of 5G pitches to maximise training and playing opportunities".</i>	<p>I don't have an immediate answer to that one for you but we will follow up with World Rugby and drop a note back to Croy on that. We'll also put Croy's questions and the answers up on the website for wider awareness.</p>

	<p><i>Can you provide an update on the World Rugby position on 5G pitches, and when they are likely to be included within the remit of Regulation 22, so that they can be used for training and playing of Rugby Union in a manner similar to how 3G pitches are currently being used?</i></p>	<p>Subsequent to the AGM the following additional response has been provided to Croy RFC:</p> <p>Further to the initial response provided at the AGM held on 26th September, we have now discussed Croy's question with World Rugby. In response, World Rugby have intimated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• artificial turf manufacturers continue to innovate, particularly in relation to the types of fibres used in artificial rugby turf and with regard to pitch 'in-fills';• the testing methodology (in relation to both materials and pitch surfaces) and the pitch maintenance practices adopted continue to improve;• World Rugby continues to work with other international governing bodies, including FIFA and the FIH, in relation to developing common standards for artificial turf; and, in view of all this• World Rugby hopes to be able to release an updated Performance Specification for Artificial Rugby Turf by the end of 2022.
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