



Q&A – Phase 2 Webinar

Monday 29 June 2020 (updated answers in red, correct as of 1 July 2020)

The answers provided below are accurate as of 1 July 2020 at 10:00am. We encourage everyone to keep up to date with Scottish Government (www.gov.scot/coronavirus) and Scottish Rugby Return to Rugby guidelines (<https://www.scottishrugby.org/clubs-and-schools/return-to-rugby>) which can change regularly.

1. Covid-19 Safety Coordinators

1.1 Question

Will Covid-19 Safety Coordinators need a background in medicine?

Answer - No, Covid-19 Safety Coordinators do not need to have a medical background. A full role description can be found here - <https://www.scottishrugby.org/news/updated-phase-2>

1.2 Question

Will we be able to have two people participate in training on Thursday? We want to build capacity and have a deputy co-ordinator as back up.

Answer - Scottish Rugby recommends that more than one person from the club attends the training webinar on Thursday. This will provide support for the nominated Safety Coordinator and could create a bigger capacity of knowledge within the club if required.

1.3 Question

I'm assuming the Covid-19 Safety co-ordinator will have to have an active PVG attributed to the Club.

Answer - No, Covid-19 Safety Coordinators are not required to have a PVG as they will not be required to be responsible for 'regulated work' with children.

1.4 Question

Is a Covid-19 safety coordinator required in schools as with clubs?

Answer – We understand that many schools may have a similar role within the Schools' management structure, so it is not compulsory for schools to nominate a Covid-19 Safety Coordinator. However, schools who would like to be part of this programme can do so by completing the nomination form here - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VF2PWSD>

2. Contact Sport for Children & Young People

2.1 Question

What does the return to contact sport for children from 13 July mean please?

Answer - Scottish Rugby are seeking further guidance from the Scottish Government and sportscotland on their indicative date that contact sports can resume from the 13 July. Further details will be announced when they become available. For now, Phase 2 Return to Rugby guidelines are to be adhered to for all levels of the club and school game.

3. Check in / out process

3.1 Question

I imagine most clubs would want to keep as paperless as possible and you have suggested Eventbrite for recording attendance. Apps such as Pitchero have a register where the manager/coach can mark attendance for a specific day and record time there, can we use different apps like this or limited to paper template and Eventbrite?

Answer - Yes, clubs can utilise their own check in / out platform (e.g. Pitchero).

4. Playing / Coaching

4.1 Question

Can you clarify that one coach can only coach 2 other households per day?

Answer - Yes, Coaches should not deliver training to more than 2 households (or extended households) at any one time or provide coaching to more than 2 households (or extended households) per day. Please see sportscotland information for further guidance -

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/covid-19/getting-coaches-ready-for-sport/>

4.2 Question

How strict is the 5 mile limit; for example rural clubs could quite easily all be more than 5 miles away?

Answer - As per Scottish Government guidelines, unless visiting friends or family, people should continue to stay in their local area as much as possible and should not travel more than around five miles for leisure or recreation.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-what-you-can-and-cannot-do/pages/getting-around/>

5. Pitches & Facilities

5.1 Question

Where two pitches are side by side, and really pretty far apart particularly if using diagonally opposite corners, can we run a training session concurrently on each pitch.

Answer - Yes, clubs are permitted to use multiple pitches, as long as there are no more than 8 players per pitch (from a maximum of 2 other households - 3 households in total). A staggered schedule is a good way to ensure physical distancing requirements are maintained.

5.2 Question

Is it perceivable to have 3 coaches on 3 pitches?

Answer - Yes, multiple pitches can be re-opened. No more than 8 players per pitch (from a maximum of 2 other households - 3 households in total).

5.3 Question

Training for the group is on a pitch - can the pitch be split into sections so several groups can train at the same time but maintaining distancing?

Answer - No, only one group of maximum 8 players per pitch training individually. Players must be allocated an individual training zone to ensure physical distancing can be maintained

5.4 Question

In regard to club houses, can club houses be used by the community for charity use, if the toilets remain closed?

Answer - For now, indoor facilities should remain closed including toilets.

5.5 Question

What is the guidance on outdoor equipment sheds/containers? I understand no shared equipment etc but looking for a suitable place to store first aid bag, wipes and sanitiser etc.

Answer - Access to an outdoor storage area should be done using hygiene and cleaning best practice as per any building as per sportscotland facilities guidance.

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/covid-19/getting-your-facilities-fit-for-sport/>

5.6. Question

Checklist shows car park restrictions. What if you do not have control of the parking?

Answer - Whoever is responsible for the parking area should enforce a controlled parking system.

5.7 Question

Our pitches are council owned and therefore open-to public use. It's not heavily used tbf but there is the odd person walking a dog, couple of kids playing etc. Any specific guidance on that scenario, other than general, good practice?

Answer - Good general practice is encouraged along with the club undertaking its own risk assessment for any rugby related activity would be recommended. We would also encourage the club to contact the local authority to ensure that all practices are in line with local authority guidance and direction.

6. Roadmap

6.1 Question

When are we anticipating Phase 3 guidance to be published and accessed?

Answer - Phase 3 guidance will be released in line with the Scottish Government announcements. The indicative date for this will be Friday 10 July (after the government announcement on 9 July).