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Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

Please find below the twenty-fourth edition of our Coronavirus (Covid-19) update.

Bill Sweeney has given an update on the revised international ticketing allocation process for the 2020/21 season.

We've also provided an update on the Adult Male Competition Future Structure webinars and there's new guidelines and a webinar on demand available to support coaching teams during Stage B of the Return to Community Rugby Roadmap. In addition, there's information about the Rugby Groundsmen Connected webinar taking place next Thursday.

Please visit our dedicated web portal on the England Rugby website to access coronavirus information and updates [here](#).

Past editions of these twice-weekly updates can be found on this part of the website. Click [here](#) if you need to find a previous edition.



RFU headlines

Message from Bill Sweeney regarding International ticket allocations process for the 2020/21 season

Bill Sweeney has today written to the game outlining the impact on Twickenham Stadium's capacity when social distancing guidelines are implemented. As there is likely to be a dramatic reduction in the number of tickets available for each game, the RFU Council has taken the decision to introduce changes to the international ticket allocation process for the 2020/21 season. Click below to read the letter.

[Read Letter](#)

Other important updates

Adult Male Future Competition Structure – last call to participate in online consultations, plus webinars on demand

We've received some great input into the online Adult Male Future Competition Structure consultation sessions that ran over the last week or so. This virtual process allows players and clubs to ask questions and enter a facilitated discussion forum. The final three sessions take place next week so if you want to provide feedback to ensure a future structure that meets the

game's needs, please register now for one of the following sessions:

- Monday 15 June - Level 7 & below (London/South East, Session 2 at 7pm)
- Wednesday 17 June - Level 7 & below (South West, Session 1 at 7pm)
- Thursday 18 June - Level 7 & below (South West, Session 2 at 3pm)

You can also access the previous virtual webinar sessions, on demand, up until Friday 26 June. Click below to find out more.

In addition to the above we plan to post the presentation slides and FAQs on the Englandrugby.com website at the end of the virtual consultation process. Any questions not addressed in any of the online documentation are welcomed and should be emailed to **competitions-development@RFU.comrfu**.

[Access Webinars](#)

Return to Community Rugby - Coaching Guidance for small group training

We are currently at **Stage B of the Return to Community Roadmap**.

We have therefore published a guide to help coaches prepare for a return to community rugby and there's also a webinar on demand available on this topic.

Coaches are encouraged to introduce rugby skills gradually and to focus on physical preparation in the form of activate movement challenges during the first few weeks of group training. Click below for our detailed guide and to access our webinar on demand.

[Read Guide](#)

[Webinar](#)

Club guidance for off pitch activity

Following publication of the Return to Community Rugby Roadmap, we are working on guidance for clubs regarding off field activities and facilities. We will provide an update on the progress of this work shortly.

Webinars & Podcasts

Rugby Groundsmen Connected: Your pitch maintenance programme - Thursday 18 June at 7pm

This Rugby Groundsmen Connected webinar will provide tips, advice and guidance on groundsmanship at your club. This will be the first of a series of Rugby Groundsmen Connected support sessions and it will focus on reviewing what you do now, the day to day tasks that clubs need to consider and talk through a typical renovation programme.

How we look after our pitches is vital to maximising and increasing pitch capacity, whether you have years of experience or have just taken over the upkeep of your club pitches this webinar is for you. Register Below.

[Register](#)

Catch up on previous webinars

For those who want to catch up on previous webinars, these are available on the England Rugby website. Please click on the links below:

[Club Webinars](#)

[Referee Webinars](#)

[Coach Webinars](#)

Rugby community doing great things

This week we have highlighted the great work that Bancroft RFC have been undertaking to bring social change - [read here](#).

We're also hearing more stories from clubs who are helping themselves and

their members to prepare for the return for community rugby, when safe to do so. In addition to clubs helping their communities, we will start highlighting these great self-help initiatives on [englandrugby.com](https://www.englandrugby.com)

Mitsubishi Motors in the UK are proud supporters of the rugby volunteers across England who make up an integral part of the game. Help us recognise your work by sharing your stories and videos with VeeMontebello@rfu.com or PatriciaMowbray@rfu.com.

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