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Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

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

We've provided registration details for June's adult male competition future structure virtual webinars, as well as details of the England Rugby Club Hub's supply chain for rugby restart.

You can also enjoy three up and coming webinars and a podcast released jointly by Sport England and UK Coaching to mark Mental Health Awareness Week.

Finally, we've highlighted the recent virtual University Rugby Awards which took place in lockdown.

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

Adult Male Future Competitions Structure registration open for online consultations

Following on from the Adult Male Future Competitions Structure survey in January 2020, we will be running online consultation webinars throughout June.

The aim of these sessions is to provide further detail on the future competition structure proposals. Feedback on these from players, coaches, referees and volunteers is essential to ensure a future structure that meets the game's needs, and to help the group reach a final formal proposal. This will then be put to the game later in the summer, ahead of any RFU Council decision for implementation in the 2021/22 season. The virtual process will allow players and clubs to ask questions and enter a facilitated discussion forum.

The following sessions will be running from 7-9pm, unless otherwise stated:

- Wednesday 3 June - Level 3 & 4
- Thursday 4 June - Level 5 & 6 (Session 1: 3pm | Session 2: 7pm)
- Monday 8 June - Level 7 & below (North)
- Wednesday 10 June - Level 7 & below (Midlands)
- Thursday 11 June - Level 7 & below (London/South East, Session 1 - 3pm)
- Monday 15 June - Level 7 & below (London/South East, Session 2)
- Wednesday 17 June - Level 7 & below (South West, Session 1)
- Thursday 18 June - Level 7 & below (South West, Session 2 - 3pm)

For those not able to make the live sessions, webinars will be recorded, with content available to view for the following two weeks and the ability to submit feedback.

Please note we are asking that each club limits the number of attendees to a maximum of four, including at least one player, and ideally a coach / Director of Rugby. This is to ensure the technology can support potentially large numbers and to ensure a balanced input.

To find out more about the Adult Male Future Competitions Structure and register for a webinar, please click below.

[Full Details](#)

Other Important Information

Supply chain for Rugby Restart

Following the recent Government advice that some sport facilities may now reopen, we are looking at ways to support clubs' Return to Rugby. The England Rugby Club Hub is an online group buying platform designed as a one stop shop for rugby related products for the rugby community to access at competitive rates. The transactional capacity enables a club to buy a wide range of products from a number of suppliers in one purchase, minimising admin work and supporting budget management.

We now have a dedicated area of the Hub for Rugby Restart where clubs can access the products they may need to help in reopening their facility. At the moment, this is around hygiene and social distancing but as new guidance is announced and the rules are relaxed, more items will be added to the site.

Click below to access the Rugby Restart products or, if you are new to the site, you can create an account below using the steps in our guide [here](#).

You will need your RFUID which can be found on GMS. Rugby Restart products can be found in the RFU Development Projects section.

[Rugby Restart](#)

[Create Account](#)

Webinars and Podcasts

To find the full details of the webinar programme through to Thursday 11 June, please click below.

[Webinar Programme](#)

Coach & Referee Training - Tuesday 26 May at 7pm

Richard Cheetham MBE will discuss how coaches can embed 'Use It or Lose It' learnings in their practice. Richard is an experienced rugby union coach educator and Level 4 Mentor for the RFU.

[Register](#)

Furlough - the next phase and how to prepare for when it ends - Wednesday 3 June at 12.30pm

The Government has extended the furlough scheme until the end of October with further guidance due at the end of May. This webinar, delivered in partnership with Irwin Mitchell, will provide guidance and support on the next phase of the furlough scheme and how to prepare for when it ends.

[Register](#)

Media Support Webinar – Thursday 4 June at 7pm

The Media Support Webinar will provide tips and ideas on things you can be doing now to share with your local media. This will include a discussion on

what we can provide to assist you once we are able to get the game back up and running. Registration details will be provided in due course.

Sport England and UK Coaching podcast

A podcast featuring Sport England CEO Tim Hollingsworth and UK Coaching CEO Mark Gannon to mark Mental Health Awareness week examines the need for inspirational people in communities to drive increased activity; how the pandemic has brought into focus the way people can be supported; and the challenges that people may face as society moves forward. We think this may be of real interest/relevance to club and CB leaders. Click below to watch the podcast.

[Watch Podcast](#)

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](#)

Clubs doing great things

University Awards in lockdown

The Students RFU University Rugby Awards took place during lockdown via a short film celebrating people and clubs making a real difference in university rugby. With students at home and the season prematurely ended by coronavirus, there were more than 60 nominations of exceptional contributions covering the fantastic work being done by volunteers and staff across universities nationwide. From those came the difficult task of selecting five overall winners.

Click below to see the winners and see more examples of the great work that rugby-playing education institutions have been doing to support their local communities.

Please share your stories and videos with VeeMontebello@rfu.com or PatriciaMowbray@rfu.com.

[Award Winners](#)

[Education Institutions](#)