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Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

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

Today we lead on the plans for competitive matches (league and cup) in the adult and age-grade game next season, once the government gives the go ahead for rugby to restart.

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

Return to competitive playing for 2020/21 season

We've published adapted community competition plans for adult and age grade rugby in the 2020/21 season, click below to link to the summary, further details will be available early next week. There are a range of competition models that can be applied at different season start dates as and when it is deemed safe to return to play i.e. when we reach Phase F on the **Return to Community Rugby Roadmap**. The models allow for any potential interruption in the season as a result of Covid-19, while providing clubs, schools, colleges, universities and players with a framework for meaningful competitive rugby with greater flexibility to enable games to be played.

[View Framework](#)

Re-opening of additional club facilities

As clubs begin to make decisions to re-open their facilities, including bars, from 4 July, following the government's announcement of 23 June, we have developed guides to support clubs with this activity, which will be shared early next week.

Celebrating diversity in our sport

Last year we marched with Kings Cross Steelers in Pride in London. This year we had planned to march at London Pride as demonstration of our commitment to creating opportunities for all to work in or play rugby regardless of age, race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or background. We are an inclusive and diverse family who stand up for what we believe in – sport is for all.

Although Pride 2020 has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we still want to celebrate. Today we are calling on colleagues, clubs and players across the country to join one of Stonewall's Train the Trainer and/or Role Model programmes. Details about the programmes and how you can sign up can be found in the link below. It's a great chance to celebrate our two-year journey of working with Stonewall and International Gay Pride.

If you want to be inspired by others taking part in these Stonewall courses, please click below.

[Register](#)

Launch of the Pitch In campaign

Since the community game was suspended on 20 March, rugby clubs up and down the country have pitched in to help out in a range of ways including food deliveries to key workers and the vulnerable, raising money for charity, making calls to elderly members and using their facilities for food banks.

Earlier this week the Duke of Sussex, Jonny Wilkinson, Eddie Jones, Sarah Hunter, Owen Farrell and others say thank you for pitching in to combat coronavirus as we launch our Pitch In campaign. Click below to watch the video.

Why not share the video on your club's social media channels as well - the links are as follows:

Twitter

Facebook

Youtube

Watch Video

Other important updates

Last call to give feedback in the Adult Male Future Competition Structure review

The deadline to have your say on the Adult Male Future Competition Review is Friday 3 July 2020. If you haven't already done so, or you have any questions not addressed in any of the online documentation, please email your comments to competitions-development@rfu.com.

We've already received some great input throughout the process. The virtual consultation sessions that ran online during June provided some great insights. The presentation slides and FAQs from those sessions are now available below.

Feedback

Webinars & Podcasts

Volunteer Experience Virtual Workshop – Wednesday 1 July

England Rugby is working with Club Matters to deliver club support virtual workshop sessions on a number of topics. The workshops will run for a maximum of two hours and will be limited to 15 attendees, allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Click below to see the full programme and register for the first Volunteer Experience Workshop scheduled for next Wednesday 1 July. This session will help participants gain top tips in recruiting, retaining and rewarding volunteers.

Full Programme

Workshop 1

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've focused on Southwark Rugby Club playing out of a Council owned clubhouse near the Aylesbury Estate in Walworth, South East London. In such an ethnically diverse area the club is determined to both reflect and support their community. Click below to read their story.

Community Spirit

In addition to clubs helping their communities, next week we are beginning to highlight clubs' self-help initiatives, as well as activities being undertaken to improve diversity and inclusion at clubs, on 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 club and individual stories and videos with veemontebello@rfu.com or patriciamowbray@rfu.com.

Click below to find out more about the Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer Recognition Programme.

Recognition Programme

