

In line with the Return to Rugby Roadmap, some rugby facilities are able to reopen. It is important that each club makes its own decision about why and when it would like to reopen facilities. To help determine what's best for your club, work through the steps outlined and link through to more detailed resources such as our risk assessment framework, good practice check lists and action planning guidance.

STEP 1: WHAT FACILITIES CAN WE OPEN?

Facilities that are able to open must follow government guidance and legislation regarding health, social distancing, maximum group sizes, hygiene, and restrictions on operating hours, including ensuring that:

1. All visitors to the club can maintain a safe one metre plus distance
2. Good hygiene is facilitated and promoted
3. Cleaning practices are in place and equipment is disinfected regularly
4. Clubs have an action plan in place to implement the **government guidance** in the event that a recent visitor to the facilities tests positive for Covid-19
5. Records of all visitors to the club are kept for 21 days to support NHS Test and Trace.



STEP 2:

WHY ARE WE REOPENING?

To help you prioritise tasks and assess implications and costs of reopening it is useful to be clear about the reasons that you want to reopen your facilities. Examples could include:

- Re-engage junior players
- Re-engage adult players
- Re-engage non playing members
- Start to generate revenue
- Stay in touch with members
- Recruit new members
- Support the local community

STEP 3:

WHAT FACILITIES DO WE NEED TO REOPEN?

Once you have identified the reasons you would like to reopen, you can identify the specific facilities that you need to reopen in order to achieve this.

For example, if you want to generate revenue through selling take away food, there may be no need to open playing facilities or toilets.

A phased approach to reopening could also be mapped out at this stage.

STEP 4:

HOW DO WE IDENTIFY AND MANAGE RISK?

Risk assessments should already be a tool your club uses and the RFU has a number of resources to help on the [RFU Insurance Centre](#).

Review your existing policies and risk assessments, and add a Covid-19 specific element. The aim is to introduce suitable and sufficient control measures to reduce the risk of contracting the virus to as low a level as is 'reasonably practicable'. Your Covid-19 risk assessment should record what you are doing at your premises to manage the risk. In partnership with RFU insurers, we have created an [example risk assessment framework](#) & [Liability Insurance FAQs](#) for clubs.

For more information about duty of care and Covid-19, go to [Sport England's guidance](#).

STEP 5:

HOW DO WE OPEN SAFELY & EFFICIENTLY?

Use the buttons below to link through to our facility specific guidance to:

- Reopen safely and efficiently
- Make the necessary changes to your facilities to help prevent the spread of Covid-19

NATURAL TURF PITCHES	ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES
CAR PARK	SOCIAL SPACE
TOILETS	THROUGHWAYS
KITCHEN & CELLAR	BAR
CHANGING ROOMS	GYM

Sport England has also created specific guidance on [social distancing](#) and [hygiene](#) and the [RFU Club Hub](#) has a range of specially procured products to help with the rugby restart.

STEP 6:

HOW DO WE CREATE AN ACTION PLAN?

Use the action planning framework [example](#) and [template](#) provided to bring together an action plan based on the steps above that identifies;

- If it is appropriate for the club to reopen facilities
- Which facilities the club needs to reopen
- When these facilities might be ready to be reopened
- What the cost of reopening & operating facilities in the 'new normal' is likely to be
- Who will take responsibility for all the elements of the action plan