



IRFU Return To Rugby Guidelines For Clubs:

Guidelines For Club Safety Officers

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The role of the COVID-19 Club Safety Officer is to oversee public health measures across the club.

- With the rugby club committee, create a Return to Rugby COVID-19 Health and Safety plan for the Club.
- Ensure they review these Guidelines and that the club comply before reopening their club.
- Contact club insurers regarding possible amendments to policies due to the Pandemic.
- Implement a tracking and monitoring system for all Individuals/ Pods/ Teams using pitches and ensure that all HSE/NHS/IRFU guidelines are strictly adhered to.
- Ensure that the club maintains accurate records of who is training and when. This should include all persons (e.g. players, managers, coaches). This must be carried out for all sessions, and in the case that a Parent/Guardian is present in the club that must also be recorded. This will help with contact tracing if necessary.
- Create a check in area that can be used by teams to register, with appropriate measures such as social distancing, sanitation etc.
- Ensure that the club and its members adhere to public health advice in all cases.
- Ensure that sufficient public health COVID-19 information posters are in place.
- Ensure members (e.g. players, coaches, managers, etc.) understand the need for social distancing while entering and exiting the club.
- Be responsible for informing all members of the COVID-19 guidelines and insist on full cooperation.
- Ensure that the contact details for all members are up to date as this will assist with contact tracing should it be necessary.
- Listen to feedback and contact branch personnel if there are issues not covered under these Guidelines.
- Ensure the club has appropriate stocks of sanitation and cleaning materials.
- Maintain a log of regular monitoring of COVID-19 controls in the club.
- At all times promote and coach good hygiene practices to all players/coaches in the club.
- Ensure regular cleaning of facilities, handrails, door handles, etc. is undertaken.
- Report any areas of non-compliance to the club committee and ensure these are addressed.
- Keep up to date on government and public health advice in relation to COVID-19.
- Review sample session plans from coaches and managers to ensure they adhere to Guidelines and guidelines.
- Implement a review and feedback process with members (e.g. coaches, players, managers)