

An update on returning to activity



Due to the current pandemic it has been a number of months since we last delivered any coaching activity within local communities. Over the course of lockdown we have been closely following government information in relation to the return to services as the country moves through the various phases out of lockdown.

Whilst there is various guidance on the opening of gyms, dance studios and a return to football training, none of the current guidance leaves us able to commit to a return. The reasons for this are as follows:

DANCE

The government has indicated that indoor activity for children & young people (unregulated) is okay to restart on 24th August following guidance - this guidance varies by activity. In terms of dance this means that we are able to have a limited number of children aged under 12 participating with no requirement to social distance. Over 12s can restart dance activity from week beginning 14th September but there will be no physical contact. **Whilst we are very keen to restart our dance sessions we are only able to do this if the venues that we hire for dance will be reopening. Many have not given a clear date for when they will return and what activities they will permit.** We are aware of one venue which has indicated that it will not reopen until at least January 2021. We are currently trying to contact the various venues for an update on if and when they will be reopening. This will guide when dance sessions can restart.

FOOTBALL

Latest guidance indicates that training for those aged 12+ can return from week beginning 31st August on a non contact basis with ongoing updates & guidance from the SFA. Training can only take place with a maximum of 15 people at a time. Each person has to come ready for training as no indoor changing facilities are open for use. **At grassroots level no organised games can take place mainly due to two factors: most football venues in Glasgow remain closed. Only Glasgow Green, Toryglen & Scotstoun are scheduled to reopen in the next week or so and it is likely that access will be limited to teams who already have lets to utilise these venues. There is no indication of when other venues, such as Petershill, Springburn, Milton Campus or John Paul Academy will reopen - or indeed whether they will reopen.**

Current guidance indicates that we cannot provide football strips for teams even if pitches were to open up again, this makes it very difficult for us as we could not ask participants to get changed in the open, especially as we move into the colder weather.

We will continue to closely monitor the guidance and we hope to be back providing full services in the near future. When we are in a position to do this it would be our intention to invite current and potential sessional coaches to a meeting to discuss future delivery and health and safety - we will do this as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and if you have any questions in relation to the current situation please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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