

Warwick Returning to Sport Plan

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As elite sport starts to resume and National Governing Bodies of sport continue to follow government guidance and produce information to support a return to playing their respective sports we continue to plan for next season.

As a result we have produced a plan that shows how we will support all 65 of our sports clubs to safely return to sporting activity, with clear stages and some underlying principles that will guide our support.

The same phases for the resumption of activity will be used across Warwick Sport, with the following general principles applied to all programmes.

- Government and national governing body guidance will lead decision making and will be followed at all times.
- Maintaining the safety of staff and students will remain the principal factor in decision making.
- All guidance will contain a level of personal responsibility regarding maintenance of personal hygiene and physical distancing to reduce the risk of transmission to an acceptable level.
- Where external coaches / instructors are being used they will be asked to confirm they are aware of the most up to date guidelines from National Governing Bodies, citing the dates of the update received
- Sessions will be designed to be supported by virtual and self-directed programmes to maximise engagement among those not confident in attending sessions, to maximise the maintenance of positive physical and mental health and/or preparation for sport specific competition.
- There will be a reduced focus on 'performance' sport at this time as getting teams training and enjoying sport will take priority over performance. As some members of Warwick Sport are currently furloughed, further updates about what the programme for October looks like will be shared at the end of July, with revisions made through the summer as we receive updates for each sport.
- We will assume that no additional PPE will be provided to coaches and player and that only sessions that are able to be led on this basis can be delivered.
- It is unlikely that Club and Performance Sport and the Active Wellbeing programme will include any indoor activity until Monday 4th November IF government, public health England and NGB guidance allows.
- Some sports will move through these phases at differing rates.
- Sessions will be sport specific wherever possible but in some cases will need to be focussed on physical activity rather than sport specific training or skills. This will allow us to maximise our programmes and the needs of all 65 of our sports clubs.
- Volunteers will not be asked to 'lead' any activity without appropriate training and no sessions will be promoted until this has been provided.

If you have specific questions please contact clubdevelopment@warwick.ac.uk and as many of our staff are currently still furloughed your patience is appreciated.



Phases of Progression for Each Sport

Sports will progress through these phases at different rates but we will continue to use these headings to confirm what training is possible for each club.

