

TOR RFC

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A Few words from the Chairman

These are challenging times for us all, and I hope that you are all managing to keep safe and well. Though the club remains closed in the main, there is a lot of activity behind the scenes taking place to ensure that we are ready for the reopening. I apologise that we have not until now been able to keep everyone updated on these activities, going forward this will change and I will try to get out a weekly newssheet to keep everyone updated on the developments. I would ask you all to forebear with me as the committee is not always able to respond quickly to all the announcements that may be made by Government or the RFU.

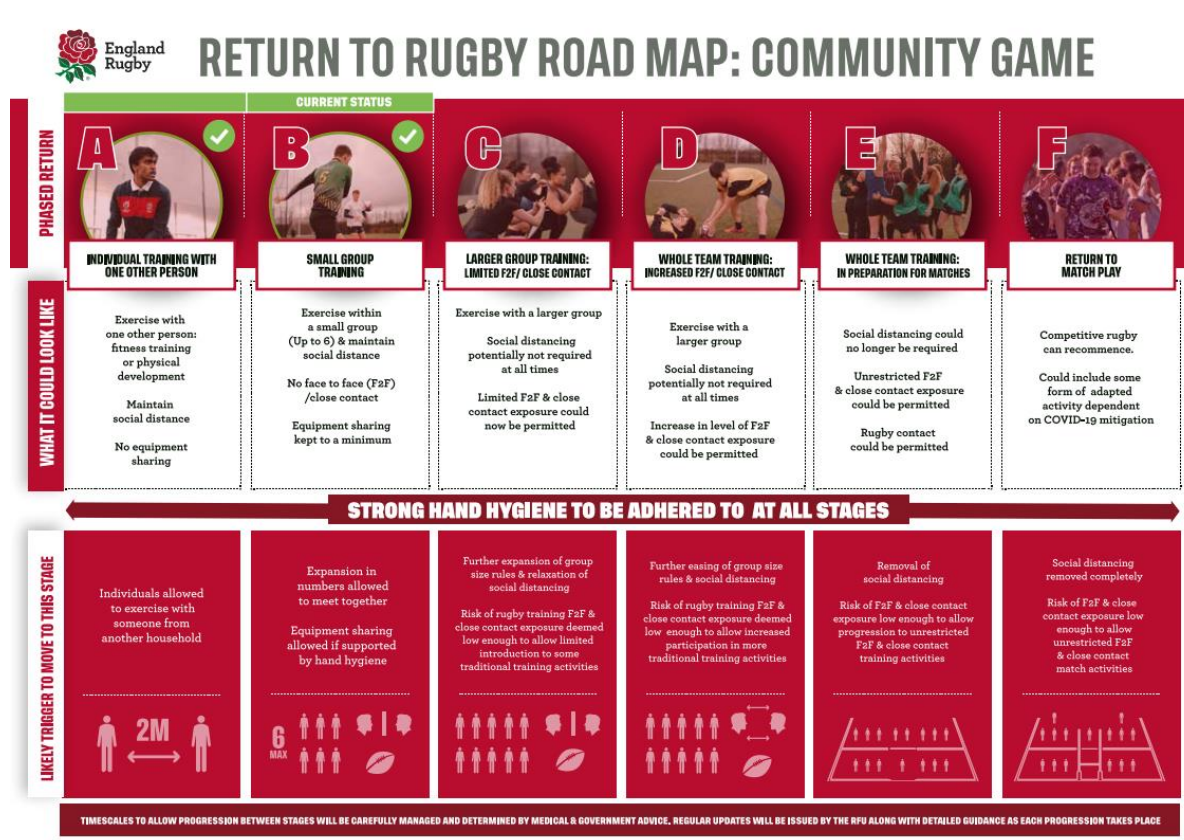
I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hope to see you all soon in a rugby related activity, be it playing or downing a pint talking about the glory days and whether Saracens will bounce back to the premiership.

RETURN TO RUGBY

The government has announced a framework for the return of recreational team sport which is applicable from Saturday 11 July. The next step is for the RFU to develop it's own rugby action plan, based on the nationally developed framework.

Due to the intrinsic nature of rugby and the proximity of participants, it is recognised that there is the potential for an increased risk of droplet transmission. The RFU is working with expert medical advice and applying the activity exposure framework to various formats of rugby, they will update following their discussions with government. **In the short term, it is likely that the format of rugby the community game is able to play will be a modified version, not the full 15-a-side game.**

They will provide an update as to when the game can move to the next stage of the Return to Community Rugby Roadmap in the coming weeks. **For now we remain at Stage B of the roadmap**



For the Minis and Juniors whilst a return to Rugby cannot be assured in the short term, we are very keen to ensure that we maintain the team spirit that we have developed and support the children where we can in compliance with the latest guidelines. This means that for the Junior Age Groups (u13's-u16's) we are working with coaches to look at how we can safely provide mid-week activity. This would predominantly be fitness work in pods of five or six. Please look out for communications from your age group coaches and let us know your thoughts.

We have been notified by Exeter Chiefs that they are now in a position to refund for those tickets purchased for the Super Saturday against Leicester, please check your emails if you had booked to join us at Sandy Park.

Finally for the Minis and Juniors, whilst a return to rugby is still unclear, we are always looking for additional volunteers. If you are able to help out with fixtures, coaching or volunteering in any capacity please let us know at torminirugby@gmail.com

CLUB HOUSE BOOKING

During this current phase of lockdown the grounds remain open to club members to undertake socially distanced exercise and many of you have just done that, please continue to do so this is our club and what your subscriptions contribute to.

Dave Partlow has led on the booking of the club house to be used by the NHS to do Covid – 19 antibody testing. They will be doing this for the next 8 weeks or so. During this period they will have exclusive use of the clubhouse whilst we are not open. Well Dave for spotting the opportunity for the club.

Tor RFC supporting and thank the NHS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reminder that the AGM was moved from Wednesday 15 July 2020

TOR RUGBY CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 19 August 2020

8pm

Brian Harbinson Memorial Ground, Lowside Lane, Glastonbury

OUTSIDE BAR

Following recent lifting of restrictions, the club will be opening a volunteer run outside bar on Saturday afternoons, all are welcome to bring a picnic blanket, camping chairs to sit enjoy a socially distanced pint or two.

The bar will be open from 2pm until 7pm

If anyone is able to volunteer to staff the bar please contact Richard Weymouth, Clubhouse Chairman or Dumiso Ncube Club Chairman

GROUNDS AND MOWING

I would like to say a very big thank you to the Grounds and Mowing team who have done a sterling job cutting the grass, clearing away rubbish and cutting back the overgrowth on the Bypass side fencing.

The guys have done this work on week-days and on Saturday mornings. Work continues on the reseeding of the second pitch. It is a challenge to get this ready in time for the coming season, we have our experts on the job.

The work to expand carparking facilities opposite the storage units is expected to be undertaken in the next few weeks. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Dumiso Ncube

Thank you

Finally for this first edition I would like to say a big thank you to

Nick Curtis for his unrelenting fundraising work and contributions to the Grounds and Mowing team

Toby Payne for setting up the Crowdfunding page and challenges which enabled the players to stay connected during the darker days of lockdown

Adrian and Mark Ambrosini for their support and guidance with respect to obtaining the Government grants.

As ever with when singling out people for thank you you are sure never to capture everyone. Most of all I thank all our members for your support now and in the future, for all you do for this OUR CLUB which means so much to us all