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ON TRACK

MESSAGE FROM STEWART HARRIS

Folks

I hope you, your families and your colleagues are all well. I have spoken to many of you over recent weeks and I understand the challenges some of you are facing and I want to emphasise our commitment to you from myself and my team to support you in any way we can.

The latest situation in Aberdeen, with a significant virus cluster, is a stark reminder of the dangers we all face with the pandemic. It reminds us that we are unable to take risks in returning to what is commonly described as “normal” too soon. I recognise and understand the desire to get our sport system back into action from everyone engaged in our sector but we must continue to follow Scottish Government guidance and work to suppress this virus. It is clear that the return of our young people to school will be the next major challenge during the coming weeks and I hope it will be successful.

I have said before that this is a time to be brave by spending time thinking about the future beyond COVID-19 as well as dealing with the immediate priorities. I believe that promoting physical activity as part of a healthier nation is a priority and I hope we can all work towards embedding those principles at the heart of public health policy in Scotland.

It remains critical that we uphold our commitment to a systemic approach to sport and physical activity in Scotland, where we work in a connected way across schools and education, clubs and communities and performance sport. It is my firm believe that we can get through this crisis if we work together, showing the strength of the sporting system that we have all helped to develop over the past decade.

Please keep talking to us and to each other and I encourage everyone to listen with empathy to a wide range of partners in order to reach the most effective and sustainable outcomes.

Take care, Stewart



CLUB COVID OFFICERS UPDATE

To help ensure a safe return to sport, Scottish Governing Body (SGB) guidance requires clubs to appoint a named **COVID Officer** for the club. This important role could be for a new volunteer or added to a current role within the club. The person in this role will complete documented risk assessments and ensure all appropriate mitigation are put in place before any activity is undertaken. The purpose of this role is to oversee public health and safety measures across the club or organisation, ensuring that it is operating in a safe manner and adheres to Scottish Government and relevant SGB guidelines. We have now developed a 'COVID-19 Officer' role description template and in collaboration with SRU, we will shortly be in a position to share the link for specific training to support this role.

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CHANGING LIVES WEBINAR SERIES

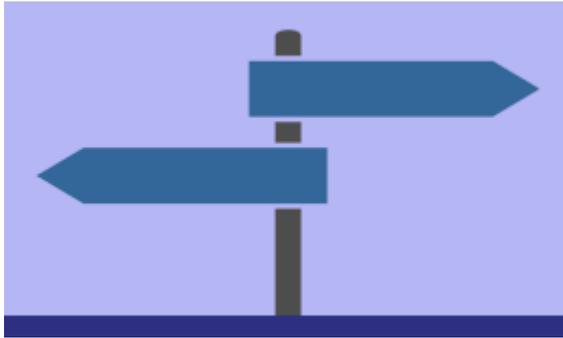
Throughout August and September, we will be playing our part by staging a series of six topic based webinars to help clubs navigate the changing context of community sport in Scotland.

The sessions, which will be led by the Changemakers Partnership, will focus on topics like delivering a blended model of sport and including everyone in the sport recovery.

They are relevant to club leaders who are connected to either a Changing Lives Champion or a Community Sport Hub Officer.

If you're interested in attending, please register via the sign-up form below.

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LATEST GUIDANCE

We're continuing to update our website with the latest information and resources, so please encourage your own networks to use this resource.

Updated pages include:

- [Getting coaches ready for sport](#)
- [Getting your facilities fit for sport](#)
- [Latest sport and physical activity guidance](#)
- [Coronavirus and sport - frequently asked questions](#)

[COVID-19 MAIN PAGE](#)



#SPORThOUR RECAP

Thank you to everyone that took part in #SportHour on Monday, where the theme was **Playing Our Part!** Once again it was another very busy night and we were joined by our brilliant co-hosts Eilidh Doyle, Kieron Achara and YPSP member Alice to facilitate conversation.

If you missed out on the conversation you can catch up on the highlights below.

#SportHour will be back on **Monday 7 September**.

[SPORThOUR ROUND-UP](#)



EAT OUT TO HELP OUT SCHEME

UK Government have announced the Eat



JOB RETENTION BONUS SCHEME

UK Government have announced that

Out to Help Out scheme that will provide the public with a 50% discount on food or non-alcoholic drinks to eat or drink in (up to a maximum of £10 discount per diner) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August. The business can then re-claim the full value of the discount from the government. The scheme explicitly covers restaurants and cafes within leisure facilities that offer food for immediate consumption on the premises. Those clubs and community sport organisations currently operating cafes and restaurants may want to register for the scheme.

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employers will receive a one-off bonus of £1,000 for each employee who has been furloughed as part of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Employees must still be employed by the organisation as of 31 January 2021.

Full details of the scheme have not yet been announced but SGBs and member organisations may want to consider this as they undertake financial planning.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

PARENT CLUB BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Parent Club provides information and guidance from the Scottish Government for parents and carers. Their new [Back to School campaign](#) aims to provide advice, reassurance and tips for families to help in the days leading up to the school/nursery doors opening again. There are a number of resources for stakeholders to share on their own channels to reach the children and young people they work with.

If you would like to share these messages and resources with your own network, you can download from the [Stakeholder Toolkit](#) or share posts from the [Parent Club Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) pages.

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Aithris-àichidh – Tha am post-d seo dìomhair agus air a rùnachadh a-mhàin don neach gu bheil e air a sheòladh. Mura h-e thusa an neach sin, feuch gun cuir thu às don phost-d seo is ceangalan sam bith agus leth-bhreacan uile, agus cuir fios sa bhaid gu an neach-seòlaidh. Cuimhnich mas e do thoil e gu bheil cleachdadh neo-ùghdarraichte sam bith air an sgrìobhainn seo air a thoirmeasg gu tur.

Mar bhuidheann poblach, tha spòrsalba a' tighinn fo riathanasan an Achd Saorsa Fiosrachaidh (Alba) 2002 a thaobh foillseachadh air fiosrachadh sam bith (a' gabhail a-steach conaltradh eileagtronaigeach) a dh'fhaodadh a bhith aige mu chuspair sònraichte, nuair a thèid sin iarraidh air le neach no buidheann sam bith. Ma bhios dragh ann mu dheidhinn seo, is urrainn do spòrsalba comhairleachadh mun chùis. Gus teagamh a sheachnadh, bidh co-dhùnadh spòrsalba deireannach a thaobh ceistean foillseachaidh is neo-fhoillseachaidh.

Is e spòrsalba a tha a' gleidheadh dàta pearsanta a bheir sibh dhuinn ann am puist-dealain sam bith.