



Scottish Cycling | The Way Forward

Planning for a safe return to club activity

Club Zoom Call – Monday 6th July

FAQs

Thank you to all club volunteers who joined us to discuss the Way Forward, planning for a safe return to club activity. We have detailed below the questions which were asked on the night by those in attendance. If you have any further questions, please email ClubDevelopment@scottishcycling.org.uk

DMBINS MTB Leader protocols - vulnerable vs extremely vulnerable?

We have spoken to our MTB Leadership Development Officer who has confirmed that the same guidance applies to both Coaches and MTB Leaders. Anyone who is in the shielding category (which has been termed extremely vulnerable in their guidance document) should not at this time be engaged in the delivery of sessions.

Scope within current guidelines to restart activity now?

There is scope to restart activity. However at this time with the numbers involved being so small, it would not be appropriate to promote this as club activity. Club activity should be open and inclusive to all members and this is not possible under the current restrictions. At present (7th July) the Coach / MTB Leader count as one household within the group, and the current guidance only allows for seven other people from two households. The continued use of virtual sessions is encouraged to maintain engagement with members at this time.

Should there be a unified/coordinate approach on guidance and protocols for returning to activity (rather than leaving to club's discretion) - learning from England?

We are in regular contact with our colleagues in British Cycling and Welsh Cycling. In England, club activity has now resumed, and BC have reached out to their clubs to begin to 'share their approach' to returning to activity. We will be looking out for these examples and sharing them when appropriate in Scotland.

The Way Forward document gives a broad overview of the considerations that clubs should be making on a return to club activity, and we believe this does provide good guidance and protocols for clubs to incorporate into their planning. As the situation evolves, we will continue to adapt and update our documents to ensure that they cover as many eventualities as possible.

We would encourage all clubs if they have questions regarding their interpretation of the guidance, or the application of it, to get in touch with us and we are more than happy to run through your plans with you.

Is there a template COVID R/A?

Yes – you can find it [here](#)

How to do helmet check in safety checks at start of sessions when BC coaching course/guidance says helmets should be swapped?

At this time, the sharing of equipment within sessions is discouraged, so swapping helmets as part of this should not happen at the present time. Clubs could instead explore ways in which to engage Parents/Guardians in this process before sessions to ensure that helmets are safe for use in sessions.



Additionally, clubs could encourage parents/guardians to support riders to complete a basic M-check of their cycles prior to returning to the club to try and mitigate against mechanical issues which would lead to a coach touching that equipment.

Are there legal responsibilities for COVID officer?

The Covid-19 Coordinator is a temporary role which can be co-opted onto the committee or added to the remit of an existing club committee member. The legal responsibility sits with the whole club to ensure that they are adhering to the Scottish Cycling / Scottish Government guidance. Failure to comply with the guidance, risks your insurance as a club being invalidated.

Are SC linking with other cycling organisations e.g Cycling UK to have a unified and coordinated approach to a return to activity?

Scottish Cycling are in regular correspondence at a number of levels with colleagues in other cycling agencies to share our approaches to a return of activity.

We are working closely with these other agencies to aim to have a joined up approach to returning to activity. However, as some of these agencies also have British and Scottish sections, they may have to follow different overarching advice on their return to activity. Any members who are dual-qualified with British Cycling qualifications and those from other bodies should ensure that they follow the appropriate agencies guidance when utilising that award.

What's the plans for the race calendar?

The Events Team confirmed on the 3rd July that the suspension of events would not be lifted on 1st August in Scotland. At this time, the team reached out to all Event Organisers who had an event planned for 2020 to understand whether they intend to run it, if/when competition can resume. Further details are available [here](#).

Is it possible for clubs to give event proposals when we don't know what it will look like - is there guidance?

The Scottish Cycling Events team are working closely with colleagues at British Cycling to develop guidance for each discipline for how events could return while complying with the government guidance. As soon as these are ready to be shared, they will be communicated via the usual channels.

Have we got feedback from event volunteers (officials/timekeepers etc.) to help clubs know if there is support from other volunteers to run their events?

Yes – the Events team ran a survey at the start of June which had nearly 900 responses. This provided an opportunity for riders, event organisers, commissaire/timekeepers and general event volunteers to share their views/concerns regarding a return to activity. The team are currently working through these responses and will consider and incorporate these into planning for a return to racing.