JERSEY SPORT COVID-19 Guidance for Sport

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Introduction

Today the Government of Jersey published a Coronavirus Safe Exit Framework for Jersey which set out four levels that would see the Island implement a gradually relaxation of measures. This framework is high level and Jersey Sport will be working closely with Government Officers to understand what each level means for sport.

It is not yet known what the timescales may be for each of the implementation of each of the levels, which will depend on the latest medical advice and the movement of the virus on Island. Jersey Sport will now analyse the information published today and make recommendations to Government on what each level could mean for sporting activity.

Jersey Sport would however caution that with Level 1 still requiring physical distancing it may be some time before competitive sport can continue as we knew it prior to this terrible virus.



Level Four Lockdown Changes from 2nd May

The Government announced two positive enhancements to the current lockdown measure which come in to force from 2 May 2020. These are;

- You can spend time outside your home doing necessary shopping, for medical needs or providing care, and any form of safe outdoor activity (not just exercise) if you maintain physical distancing. You are encouraged to spend time outdoors. Avoid risky activities that may result in accidents and create pressure on health services.
- 2. You can spend your time outside with people you live with, and up to 2 people you don't live with as well, as long as you maintain physical distance with those you don't live with. For the purposes of this scenario, this can be one household plus a maximum of 2 other people. People should still not meet others inside their own home or go into others' homes for social purposes.

It is important to note that the Stay at Home Instruction remains in place. These small changes to the Stay at Home instruction will benefit everyone's wellbeing but are particularly intended to ease the effects of the lockdown for people in cramped accommodation, people without access to a garden or balcony, people in stressful family or co-habiting situations, and people living alone or feeling socially isolated.

Having clarified with Government what it means by **safe outdoor activity** we can confirm the following;

- a) Outdoor activity can be any form of sport or physical activity which can take place in an open outdoor natural environment. You should be able to move freely to allow you to remain physically distant at all times from people who are not in your household or are not the two people you have elected to meet under point 2 above.
- Examples of safe outdoor activities include activities such as walking, cycling, exercising or caring for animals, picnics, and spending time in other people's gardens.
- c) The original lockdown specifically contained the measure that all sports and leisure facilities must close and this still remains in place in level four: lockdown.

The advice remains to be for all organised sport to cease during the current lockdown.

Next Step	Jersey Sport will now prepare a Safe Exit Framework for Sport, for the consideration of Government, which mirrors and works within the parameters of Safe Exit Framework for Jersey published today. This will allow sports to see how activities may resume at each level. This process is likely to require consultation with your sport, we will therefore make contact primarily through the relevant sports associations in due course. In the meantime, we ask all sports to start considering how they might operate under each of the levels and to make a note of any questions or potential 'grey areas' that we can help to seek clarity on.
FAQs on Phase 2 of the Government' s Co-funded Payroll Scheme	FAQs can be found at: Co-funded Payroll Scheme Phase 2 FAQs First Publication 29 April 2020 Co-funded Payroll Scheme Phase 2 FAQs Second Publication 29 April 2020

Here is a reminder of the Jersey Sport contacts to discuss the issues surrounding COVID-19 for your sport:

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