

31st July 2020

Dear Valued Badminton Wales Members

It has been a long 4 months away from the Sport but today we received some very welcomed news during the First Ministers announcement. Further easing of restrictions see us moving towards the green phase in WG traffic light system which will allow Indoor facilities to reopen from August 10th and Badminton activities to resume. As Indoor Facility doors begin to re-open, please be mindful that providers are going to be under pressure to income generate and attempt to recoup some of the revenue they've lost over recent times so whilst the facilities may open, access to Badminton Courts may still be restricted. Badminton Wales will now need to ensure that our Return to Court: Members and Club guidance reflects the current regulations to enable members to return to a safe and organised environment. As guidelines are open to interpretation, we are seeking clarity on several points to ensure our guidelines are aligned to Welsh Government Regulations and will be released over the coming days.

Easing of restriction 31st July 2020

From August 3:

- Up to 30 people from any number of households can meet outside
- Children aged under 11 will no longer have to remain two metres apart from people outside their household
- Restaurants, pubs, and cafés allowed to re-open indoors
- Indoor bowling alleys, auction houses, and bingo halls can allow open
- Licensed wedding venues can re-open, but receptions must take place outside

From August 10:

- Gyms, swimming pools, and leisure centres are all expected to be able to re-open
- Indoor play areas, including soft play centres, will be able to open again

From August 15:

- People may be able to meet indoors if infection rates continue to stabilise.

As Clubs begin to prepare for their Return to the Court we ask that each Club identifies their Covid-19 Officer and a Safeguarding Officer. The Coronavirus Officer will be responsible for oversight of the Coronavirus risk assessments, for ensuring the necessary level of risk assessment and mitigation is in place, and that the club can adhere to its guidance responsibilities within local constraints. The role of the Safeguarding Officer is unchanged from pre-pandemic, and is responsible for being the first point of contact for staff, members,

volunteers, children and parents for any issue concerning the safeguarding of children and adults at risk, poor practice, and potential or alleged abuse.

Please get the names of your Coronavirus Officer and Safeguarding Officer to Natasha as soon as possible, at natasha.cutter@badminton.wales.

Many thanks for your continued cooperation, and we hope to see you on court soon.