

Return to Outdoor Activities

Friday 9th April 2021

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF COVID-19, RESPECT OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you for your patience, as I am sure you can appreciate there is a lot to work through to ensure our activities are returned safely and in line with the Government and National Governing Body Guidance.

As part of the Government's roadmap to return, **organised outdoor activities can resume**. Unfortunately, there are no changes for indoor activities which continue to be suspended. This includes any performing arts groups, cheerleading, indoor exercise (athletics / swimming) and climbing activities.

It is extremely important that you are aware of your specific National Governing Body guidance for clarity on what can and cannot take place within your sports. Failing to follow guidance will result in **immediate suspension** of the group, removal of any future use of facilities, and an UCSU formal investigation will take place.

TRAINING TIMES

Outdoor training times / slots will be released on Facebook for review. We have incorporated 15 minutes slots for equipment to be cleaned and to ensure different groups do not mix or come into contact. It is extremely important you follow normal social distancing guidance when arriving and leaving your sessions. No mingling must occur, and you must leave promptly at your session end time.

If we haven't been able to allocate you a time, you are able to request support to run an outdoor session. As an SU Activities Team, we will then work with you to see if your activity is feasible and can be run within the guidance. In order to do this, you must submit an Activity Registration Form and provide details of the activity, the space you require and how the activity will be ran in line with COVID guidance.

KIT AND EQUIPMENT

If you have equipment stored in the green room, changes have been made in order for you to access the equipment in a safe manner. Equipment can be picked up from inside Zee Bar (which is currently being used as the University Staff Club) **Monday to Friday between 10am and 3:30pm** – please access Zee Bar via the rear doors. You will not be able to pick up/return any equipment outside of these times. It is also your responsibility to look after and clean the equipment and all social distancing guidelines must be followed when collecting kit.

TRACK AND TRACE

To ensure our sessions are run safely and to ensure we are able to support track and trace, attendance at any face to face session/activity requires members to sign in through the ucsu.org website. You must provide us details of the committee members that will be overseeing Track and Trace prior to any sessions taking place. Failure to complete the documentation will result in the termination of your session with immediate effect

COMPETITIVE MATCHES

Once we have training sessions up and running, we will review the possibility of competitive fixtures. This will be no earlier than the 26th April 2021. At this stage it is important to highlight these will more than likely be internal (within your club), no spectators present, and there might be a cost to participate if we require external facilities or referees.

We have also updated our General COVID-19 Guidance which can be accessed at ucsu.org. Thank you for your co-operation to date and I cannot stress enough the importance of continuing to follow our UCSU Covid-19 Guidance.

Thank you for your time in reading this statement, if you have any questions please post on the FB group for all members to see.

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