



Update from the Covid Officer

Hello all and I hope you are all well after what has been another trying period of time in lockdown.

As many of you will now be aware from the 29th March 2021, outdoor sports, including hockey are permitted to resume which is great news for us all. However, Government guidance on issues such as travel and car sharing is still fairly vague. As such, England Hockey has announced that at the moment, there will be no immediate resumption of leagues until clearer guidance in these areas has been issued.

A number of leagues have requested feedback from member clubs on trying to complete the outstanding fixtures from the first half of the season, and by everyone having played each other once, declaring this a valid season. This may still be a possibility and you may have received messages from captains asking about your views and availability. Should things change and travel arrangements become clearer this may be an option and so please do confirm to captains whether you may be able to play fixtures in April/May so they can prepare accordingly.

What we may be able to look at however, is starting some intraclub activities such as training or intraclub matches and possibly some local friendlies after 12th April. We are also looking at the possibility of running some Sunday morning Colts sessions and will provide further information on this when we have more information so please do keep an eye out for updates. With all such activity it will also require agreement from our facilities providers, such as Warlingham School, to enable them to go ahead.

In relation to use of the clubhouse, hospitality venues can start serving tables of 6 outside on a table service only basis from 12th April. Logistically this poses a number of problems for us including having the tables outside in the right format, having people to run drinks from the bar to outside and the Cricket Club using the outside space as well. As such, it is unlikely at this stage that we will move to reopen the clubhouse as a social venue for the time being. If any of the guidance in this area changes we will of course revisit this.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Many thanks

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