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Return to sport coordinator

summary of role

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Introduction

It may be helpful for clubs to identify a **Return to sport coordinator** who will take a positive and proactive role by focussing on supporting participants as they return to the club.

The ideal volunteer is likely to be the person who finds it easy to smile and welcome people as they arrive, who is listened to when they give information and who will enjoy ensuring that participants are clear and comfortable with the new measures in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Purpose of the role

1. To promote the health and wellbeing of members and participants as they return to the club.
2. To provide confidence and reassurance to members and participants that the club is a safe and welcoming place to be.
3. To break down barriers as members and participants return to the club.

What does the role involve?

Each club can adapt the role to suit each situation, there are a number of areas the **Return to sport coordinator** could lead:

- Provide clear and positive communication to members and participants; online, e.g. zoom, what's app, face to face, social media or email.
- Engage members and participants in conversations about COVID- 19. How are they feeling? What do they expect?
- Provide up-to-date information on guidelines and protocols provided by the relevant Scottish Governing Body, Local Authority and Scottish Government as we progress through the phases.
- Create awareness of the health and safety protocols and encourage members and participants to take individual responsibility.
- Continue to add to the club's Frequently Asked Questions (on the website, noticeboard or via email) as the club and participants adapt to the new situation.
- Encourage others within the club to take responsibility for key areas where they can have the most impact, e.g. coaches.

- Build links with the local community and encourage others to get involved. Build confidence locally to encourage people to become part of the club.
- Manage public perception of the sport locally by sharing positive stories about the club, thinking about how the local community see your training sessions, especially if you are training outdoors in a public space, what can you do to make it obvious the club is a safe and welcoming place?
- Involve members of all ages and stages, try to understand and respond to differences between groups.