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All community rugby can still be played under Alert Level 2. The below guidance details the measures that should be considered by each club when undertaking a risk assessment for all training and match days in line with the regulations set out by Welsh Government for this Alert Level.

The regulations are being reviewed on a weekly basis by Welsh Government in response to the public health situation so there is currently no end date.

The measures should be taken to ensure the activity can be undertaken within the regulations set out by Welsh Government and with public health/safety in mind. Clubs are strongly advised to communicate with opposition teams at the earliest opportunity to ensure that the fixture can be played within these regulations. Welsh Government have advised that it is a reasonable measure not to do something if it comes with potential risks.

All clubs must complete an internal risk assessment before amending the current protocols in place at their grounds and indoor facilities. Once complete, all teams using club facilities must be aware of the protocols in place and adhere to them. It is critical that all facilities risk assess the areas available detailing the measures that have been implemented to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

A Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) Guide on Alert Level 2 Regulations is provided below.

Activity/Area	Measures
Travel	Recommend face covering if not able to travel alone or in extended household If travelling to/from venue by coach please follow coach operators' guidance
Changing Rooms and Showers	Ensure players and visiting teams are aware of restrictions, procedures and responsibilities before entering the changing facilities Only essential personnel access changing rooms (players, medical staff and coaches/team managers) Ensure face coverings are worn in accordance with Welsh Government guidelines Encourage players to turn up changed and ready to play Regulate and minimise access to changing rooms and the number of people that can access the facilities complying with social distancing requirements Apply floor markings and mark spaces on benches and showers to maintain social distancing Allow more time for players to change and stagger changing times Avoid congestion in physio and medical rooms pre/post match – where possible arrive earlier to allow more time for strapping and medical treatment - PPE to be used in these areas Any existing player welfare or safety policies should not be compromised Changing rooms and showers to remain closed during game including half time Access to be provided to medical room and toilet facilities out of necessity only

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<p>Changing Rooms and Showers (Continued)</p>	<p>Maximise ventilation available in the rooms</p> <p>Utilise other rooms or temporary space to minimise the amount of players in one space</p> <p>Consider closing space where social distancing may be difficult</p> <p>Ensure hand washing facilities are available with soap and water for 20 seconds or use a hand sanitiser</p> <p>Highlight areas to place additional hand sanitiser stations, ensuring stock levels are maintained</p> <p>Ensure soap and hand sanitiser dispensers are full and replenished regularly</p> <p>Implement an enhanced cleaning regime pre and post match, focus on high touch points including door handles, push plates, bins and sanitary facilities. Further guidance is available under Resources and Video – Club Development on Gamelocker (Please see link below)</p> <p>Use signage to increase awareness of hygiene practices including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. good hand washing 2. increased frequency of hand washing 3. the use of hand plus surface sanitisation products 4. avoid touching face 5. sneeze/cough into arm
<p>Match</p>	<p>There is no cap on participant numbers outdoors but clubs should limit this to those who actually need to be included in addition to the players</p> <p>There is no cap on participant numbers indoors but clubs should limit this to those who actually need to be included in addition to the players</p> <p>Management Teams including coaches, first aiders, water carriers etc are exempt from the participation numbers for safeguarding purposes</p> <p>Players and officials to use own personal water bottle to keep hydrated</p> <p>Referee to brief players and boot check outside</p> <p>Hold Team talks on the field</p> <p>Traditional laws to be followed along with World Rugby trials (50/22 etc.)</p> <p>No huddles</p> <p>Clean and sanitise equipment frequently</p> <p>Teams to remain on the field at half time for feedback rather than using the changing room</p> <p>Debrief teams outside and on the field</p> <p>Avoid post game huddles and maintain social distancing</p>
<p>Spectators</p>	<p>Maximum of 50 spectators per game (please refer to the FAQ guide for further information on adult and under 18 guidelines)</p> <p>Maintain social distancing where possible</p> <p>Recommend wearing of face coverings when indoors or in crowded areas</p> <p>Provide signage to increase awareness of hygiene practices</p>

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Post Match Meals	<p>Use separate room from main public areas for players post match meals</p> <p>Maintain 2 metre social distancing</p> <p>Utilise other rooms or temporary space for players if social distancing cannot be maintained</p> <p>Maximise ventilation available in rooms</p> <p>Maximum of 6 players per table</p> <p>Face coverings to be worn when not seated</p> <p>Players to be served at table only</p> <p>Ensure the wearing of face coverings for staff</p> <p>Collect contact information to facilitate tracing and testing of contacts in the event of positive cases being identified</p>

Other Hospitality

Refer to and follow Hospitality guidance for Alert Level 2

Further information on completing a risk assessment can be obtained by visiting <https://gov.wales/public-premises-and-workplace-covid-19-risk-assessment>

Further information is available on WRU Gamelocker



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PLAYING

Q – For how long will these guidelines be in place?

A - The regulations are currently being reviewed weekly by Welsh Government in response to the public health situation. There is currently no end date.

Q - Are management teams, including water carriers, counted in the participant numbers?

A - These can be included in the safeguarding exemption for the players and team.

Q - We have multiple pitches at our club. Can we play games at the same time?

A - Clubs should consider whether the reasonable measures relating to number of spectators and use of facilities can be followed if games are to take place simultaneously. The risk assessment should include the amount of space available for spectators and whether social distancing can be maintained. Kick off times could be staggered to support multiple games but clubs would need to comply with the regulations.

Q - We use a Local Authority pitch which is in a public open space. We are concerned that the Club will be unable to control the amount of spectators. What should we do?

A - This should be considered under the risk assessment completed by the club.

Welsh Government advise that reasonable measures should be taken to ensure the activity can be undertaken within the regulations and with public health / safety in mind. It is also a reasonable measure not to do something if it comes with potential risks. If needed clubs should consult with their Local Authority to assess the risk of playing their fixtures.

If the club do not feel that they can comply with the regulations then consideration should be given to postponing the game.

SPECTATORS

Q – For how long will the maximum of 50 spectators be in place?

A - The regulations are currently being reviewed weekly by Welsh Government in response to the public health situation. There is currently no end date.

Q - How do we manage the number of away spectators for our senior team fixture?

A - We would advise clubs to communicate to each other at the earliest opportunity to discuss the risk assessment and agree if the regulations on number of spectators can be adhered to. Clubs are encouraged to be as flexible as possible to ensure a maximum of 50 spectators.

Q – Who has the final call on how many spectators can attend a game?

A - The home side would be responsible for conducting the risk assessment, and ensuring that the reasonable measures are implemented and adhered to.

Q – How many participants and spectators can attend training and games for all under 18 age groups (including mini, junior (male/female), youth and schools)?

A - Children and young people aged under 18 can take part in organised activities for the development and wellbeing of children, which could include organised sporting activities.

The Welsh Government guidance sets out that there are no set limits on the numbers of children that can take part in these organised activities. However, as a regulated event, clubs should be mindful of the requirements around having a risk assessment, taking reasonable measures, and ensure they limit the number of places to that which can be safely accommodated in the space available, both indoors and outdoors.

There are no limits on adults supervising or spectating at such organised activities for children (under 18).

CHANGING ROOMS

Q - Can we have more than 30 players in a changing room?

A - Yes, subject to risk assessments and taking the reasonable measures outlined in the Alert Level 2 Matchday Guidance document.

Q – Should changing rooms be deep cleaned after every use ?

A - Enhanced cleaning guidance has been issued to clubs previously and should continue to be adopted pre and post use of the facilities.

TRAVEL

Q - How many people can travel on a bus?

A - This would be in line with the risk assessment of the bus company and regulations for public transport including face coverings etc.

HOSPITALITY

Q - We have 50 spectators outside and over 150 inside all abiding by Welsh Government regulations. Is that OK?

A - Assuming this is in the clubhouse and licensed premises then hospitality rules will apply i.e. rule of 6, table service, controlling entry, face coverings when not seated etc. Capacities within premises will be guided by the size of the venue and ability to manage the space safely.

However as an example, people in the clubhouse could not all congregate by the windows to view a match as they are all required to be seated indoors.

Further guidance on hospitality is available here – [Wales Guidance for Hospitality - UKHospitality](#)

Q - We only have one bar area to serve food to the players. What should we do?

A - If clubs are concerned that the measures cannot be followed under the risk assessment it is recommended that post match meals are not served during Alert Level 2 restrictions.

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