

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

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WRU VOLUNTEER REWARD & RECOGNITION PROGRAMME

Volunteers Week takes place between 1st and 7th June every year and is a chance to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities and to say thank you. To mark this occasion, we are pleased to announce that we will shortly be embarking on a period of consultation with volunteers from across the Community Game on our new Recognition and Reward programme.

The purpose of the consultation is to engage with all volunteers associated with our clubs and hubs to get their views on how best to reward and recognise the invaluable work that is happening across Wales.

A National Executive Group comprising representatives from the WRU Community Game Board has been set up alongside a working group of Community Department Staff to progress the programme. The working group has recently met with a number of national and regional organisations to gain insight into other volunteer led initiatives that are delivered in the UK.

These organisations included Welsh Gymnastics, Disability Sport Wales, Aura Leisure Trust, Carmarthenshire County Council, Scottish Rugby Football Union, and University of East Anglia amongst others.

It is important that the views of all volunteers are considered during the consultation and the working group will liaise with Club Secretaries and Volunteer Coordinators in June on how best to do this. Please keep an eye out in your inboxes for further information on the consultation process.

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CHANGING ROOMS & SHOWER FACILITIES

Welsh Government have provided guidance regarding use of changing rooms and showers which was covered in yesterday's Club Operation Managers webinar. The guidance states that:-

- Changing rooms and showers are an area of increased risk of transmission and their use should be avoided
- All venues should encourage players to arrive at the facility in sports kit and, where possible, to travel home to change/shower
- Communal showers should also be closed if possible

On this basis, all club changing and showering facilities should remain closed.

Our aim is to ensure that clubs are prepared to reopen changing and showering facilities in line with the return to competition on 1st August.

A small working group of clubs is to be established to work with ourselves and our cleaning and sanitisation partners to provide the most appropriate support, guidance and resources to help clubs across Wales open the facilities safely and confidently.

Gym facilities, medical rooms and toilets are allowed to open in line with Welsh Guidance. Resources on the cleaning and use of these facilities are provided on our website and Game Locker -

<https://www.wrugamelocker.wales/en/resources-and-videos/resources/club-development/covid-19-facilities-guidance-resources/>