

Covid-19 Officer: Role and Responsibilities

1: Introduction

The status of the current COVID-19 pandemic is an ever changing and evolving situation and these guidelines will, at all times, be in line with and guided by Government and Public Health policy.

Training can begin on September 20 in pods of 6, unless all participants have a Covid Vaccination certificate or Covid immunity.

Training can only take place in line with the Volleyball Ireland Return to Play Protocol. The protocol requires that all clubs must appoint at least one COVID-19 Officer. A COVID-19 Officer who is appointed to teams with underage players is required to have up to date Garda Vetting and completed Safeguarding 1 training.

This person's role will be to attend and observe the training session, keep a record of attendees at all training sessions for contact tracing purposes, and liaise with the Coaches and Club Secretary on the processes and procedures around the training facility and training session content. The Covid-19 Officer could be on the club's committee already or even the Club Secretary.

Covid related restrictions will be removed on October 22nd.

This person should be familiar with the Government, Department of Health, and Public Health Policies in relation to COVID-19. More information on this can be found here > <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>

2: Role and Responsibilities

2:1 Training Venue, Facilities and Equipment

Ensure that a COVID-19 Risk Assessment is carried out on the training venue prior to its use. Ensure that sanitary facilities are accessible for players and coaches. Ensure that all training equipment, including posts and balls are sanitized before and after every training session.

2:2 The Training Sessions

Ensure that the group numbers specified in the Volleyball Ireland Safer Return to Training Protocol are adhered to: i.e. full immunity groups versus Pods of 6. Ensure that only essential personnel access the training area. Ensure that social distancing is adhered to by all players and coaches when accessing and leaving the training area. Ensure contact is kept to a minimum during the training session, as per Volleyball Ireland Return to Play Protocol.

2:3 Coaches and Players

Ensure that the coaches and players understand and adhere to their responsibilities, as set out in the Volleyball Ireland Return to Play Protocol.

Keep a record of attendees at all training sessions for contact tracing purposes.

Ensure that ALL participants have completed a Fit to Play survey and pre-session declaration in regards to their current health status.

2.4 Reporting

Regularly liaise with, and report to, the Club Chairperson and relevant coach(es) regarding the training sessions and adherence to the Volleyball Ireland Return to Volleyball Protocol.

For more information please visit www.volleyballireland.com/coronavirus