



TULLAMORE HARRIERS A.C.

RETURN TO TRAINING

PHASE 3

COMMENCING 29th June 2020

Athletics Ireland & Sport Ireland have issued guidance on Phase 3 of the Roadmap to re-open our Country. This phase permits outdoor sporting activity for all ages, gathering of groups outdoors of up to 200 people. The Guidance also came with many restrictions. The Committee have reviewed this information and have agreed the following guidelines which best suit our Club to enable all our member to return to training. We ask that each and every person take personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others by adhering to all the guidance and measure put in place.

We wish to thank you for patience and ask that you approach the reopening with caution.

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1. Club access

- (i) Access is restricted to members of Tullamore Harriers (until further notice).
- (ii) Everyone entering the grounds must fill in the Covid 19 Screening Questionnaire.
- (iii) Please do not use the back of the Club as a starting point for informal runs during official training sessions in order to minimise traffic and for safety reasons.
- (iv) U/18 athletes must be accompanied by a parent/guardian when arriving at Club.
- (v) You cannot attend if you have been out of the country in the preceding fourteen days.
- (vi) You cannot attend if you have been in contact with someone with symptoms of Covid - 19 in the previous 14 days (fever +38 degrees, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, flu like symptoms, loss of taste and smell)
- (vii) You cannot attend if you are in a period of self isolation or cocooning under current health policy.
- (viii) You cannot attend if you are displaying Covid-19 symptoms (fever +38 degrees, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, flu like symptoms, loss of taste and smell). Self-isolate and contact your GP.
- (ix) You cannot attend if a member of your household is self-isolating, as per HSE guidelines you must follow restrictive movements and, therefore, stay away from training.
- (x) If you are recovering from Covid 19 seek medical advice prior to returning to train
- (xi) If you feel unwell do not present to the Club.
- (xii) The Clubhouse including changing rooms and gym is closed until further notice.
- (xiii) Limited toilet facilities will be available.
- (xiv) The Club training facilities will open Tuesday to Friday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm only.

2. Athletes attending for training.

Athletes **must not car share except** with a member of the same household.

Please note that if a parent/guardian remains on site, they will not be able to access the ground/facilities (stay in car).

**Parent/Guardian must return 15 minutes before end of training session.
If not being collected by same parent/guardian, a new Covid -19 Screening
Questionnaire must be completed.**

Athletes should arrive ready to train – please note there will be no dressing room facilities.

The clubhouse is closed to all members until further notice.

Limited Toilet facilities will be available.

All athletes must bring sanitising gel/wipes.

Keep all personal equipment completely to yourself particularly water bottles.

Athletes must be absolutely vigilant with water bottles so there is no touching of water bottles against another water bottle – it is suggested that athletes bring their water bottle, sanitising gel and wipes in a spike bag/small gear bag, clearly marked with their name.

Athletes should sanitise their hands upon arrival at the stadium.

Avoid touching any hard surfaces.

No physical contact whatsoever with any other individuals.

Please, please, please no spitting.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow.

If you use tissues put them in your bag and bring them home and dispose of at home as there are no bins on site.

Observe social distancing at all times – 2 meters.

All stadium equipment that you use must be wiped down by you with sanitising wipes – please bring a pack of wipes with you.

Athletes to ensure the Club has their up-to-date contact details (phone & email)

Repeated poor practice by athletes will result in them being asked to leave the training ground. Parent/guardian will be contacted by the Safety Officer to discuss the behaviour.

3. Designated Training Slots

Track/Field Group

- Age Group 12 or over Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7.00pm to 8.30pm
- Age Group Under 12 **Tuesday only 7.00pm to 8.15pm**
- **Parent/Guardian must return 15 minutes prior to end of session.**

Middle Distance Group

- Age Group 12 or over Wednesday and Friday: 7.00pm to 8.15pm
- Age Group Under 12 **Wednesday only 7.00pm to 8.00pm**
- **Parent/Guardian must return 15 minutes prior to end of session.**

Juvenile Coaches must inform the Club of the attendees - both coaches and athletes for each session
Please note that any changes must be notified. It is vitally important that we have full and accurate records

Senior Group

Tuesday and Thursday 6.40pm to 8.30pm (initially)

Training Session including warm up and cool down to take place in the Club Grounds.

Athletes will be divided into 3 Groups

- Warm up and cool down with your group,

- Each group will be allocated a start location on the track for the training session
- Observe social distancing at all times – 2 meters

4. Access to Grounds

Access to the grounds is via the back gate on Spollanstown Road entrance. Access to the track is via the gate to the left of the dressing rooms only.

5. Arrival at Stadium

Please ensure the Screening Questionnaire is completed prior to attending.

When leaving your house to come to Tullamore Harriers wash your hands thoroughly.

Upon arrival at the stadium sanitise your hands.

Athletes should arrive at Club entrance no earlier than ten minutes before their session as per Athletics Ireland guidelines.

Each person arriving at grounds will be required to submit their completed Screening Questionnaire and check in.

Proceed to designate drop off area. Please note a Club member will be present in the car park to advise of the drop off/pick up area and parking area.

Coaches will advise each athlete in advance of the session, the coach taking the session and the location/position of their training pod.

6. Athletes

Athletes to strictly observe social distancing whilst warming up.

Social distancing must be maintained at all times (all to be 2 meters apart) during training.

During the course of the rep a two meter gap must be maintained by all members of the group at all times.

Once the rep is finished, social distancing must be maintained at all times. During rest time, athletes to return to their designated area.

If running in single file increase the distance between athletes to more than 2m.

7. Field Event Athletes

Physical distancing to be observed throughout the course of the period.

No equipment should be exchanged between athletes.

If stadium equipment has to be used it should be sanitised before handling and after handling. In so far as is possible all should use their own personal equipment.

If athletes must use equipment, for example long jumpers needing to use rakes, you must bring some kind of sanitation wipes with you to wipe down any equipment before you use and to wipe down after you use. Long jumpers to replace the covering on the long jump after use.

During any breaks in field event training athletes must stay well apart from one another – returning to their designated area.

8. Coaches

The same regulations apply to coaches as to athletes.

Coaches should not attend if they have been in contact with an individual with Covid-19 symptoms in the preceding fourteen days (fever +38 degrees, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, flu-like symptoms).

Coaches should not attend if they have been overseas in the previous fourteen days.

Coaches should not attend if they have any flu like or Covid-19 symptoms in the preceding fourteen days (fever +38 degrees, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, flu-like symptoms).

Coaches in the high risk category should consult with their GP prior to return to training.

Physical distancing has to be observed by coaches from all other users.

9. After training

Once training has finished athletes must leave the premises promptly.

Juvenile Athletes having completed their warm down should gather their belongings at their designated area and will be instructed by their coaches when to return to the designated pick up area.

All should thoroughly sanitise their hands before leaving the stadium.

When you get home immediately wash and sanitise your hands.

When you have finished training ensure that all your gear, towels etc. are washed.

All should then follow normal guidelines upon the return home.

- Good hand hygiene, Coughing etiquette, Social distancing.

If an athlete/coach/volunteer becomes unwell after training, they should first contact their GP, read the HSE Guidelines and inform the Club.

10. Cleaning

Toilets

Toilets will be cleaned and disinfected prior to and at the end of training and at regular intervals during each training session.

Each person is requested to sanitise their hands on both entry and exit of the toilets.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep the toilet facilities clear of rubbish and clean.

Equipment

Equipment used during training session will be disinfected prior to and at the end of each training session. Athletes using the equipment must use their sanitation wipes to wipe down the equipment before and after use

Touch Area

Frequently touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected at end of session.

Tullamore Harriers primary goal is to ensure the safety of all Club members be they coaches, athletes, parents/guardians, volunteers, associates of the Club. These guidelines are subject to review.

Coaches must read and understand the guidance for athletics coaches (see separate attachment - Covid -19 Guidance for Athletics Coaches during Phase 3).

Athletes must read and understand the guidance to athletes (see separate attachment - Covid-19 Guidance for Athletes during Phase 3).

In the interest of health and safety, the grounds of Tullamore Harriers are a non-smoking area.

These guidelines are a live document and subject to change on a regular basis in line with guidance provided by Athletics Ireland and Sports Ireland.