

SCOTTISH KORFBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF Covid-19 Club Consultation
 Wednesday 12th June 2020 | 19:00 – 20:00
 ZOOM teleconference

Present

SKA Committee

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| AH - Adam Hardy | (Chair) |
| DP - Dan Pratt | (Competitions) |
| EP - Ella Paul | (Referee Officer) |
| JP - Jack Pitt | (Publicity) |
| MB - Michael Bremner | (Secretary) |
| SM - Stuart Melville | (Treasurer) |

Discussion Point	Outcomes	Actions
SKA Guidance on Covid-19	AH outlined the SKA's guidance for clubs on how the Scottish Government's Covid-19 Routemap will impact Korfball in Scotland. This advice will be regularly reviewed as more information becomes available.	
Impact of Covid-19 on Korfball in Scotland	<p>DP outlined how the Covid-19 Pandemic has impacted Korfball in Scotland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts on Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clubs may be unable to charge members the same fees as they normally would, given that the season may involve a reduced number of fixtures. ▪ Clubs may also need to look for additional revenue streams and to reduce expenditures. ○ Hall Bookings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Korfball will be one of the last sports to be able to resume activity and therefore clubs may not be able to retain their original hall booking slots. ▪ It may also be difficult for clubs to arrange matches at short notice when fixtures restart. ○ Retention/Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clubs may struggle to retain members with not physical club activity. ▪ Clubs may not be able to organise recruitment events with little notice between restrictions ending and fixtures restarting. • Impacts on University Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remote Learning 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Some Universities have indicated that courses may be delivered, at least in part, remotely. This could make recruitment impossible and could result in members not returning.○ BUCS competitions<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It is unclear how BUCS competitions will be run next season. This could result in disruption to an amended fixture list.○ Playing Standards<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ While some clubs may be able to field teams next year, there is no guarantee that many experienced players will be based on campus. This could mean that the clubs are less competitive.● Impacts on SKA<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Finances<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The SKA may need to cut back on expenditure as putting additional financial pressures on clubs at this time would be unwise.▪ The SKA may also need to delay some projects that they had originally planned for this season.○ Competitions<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The SKA will not have a lot of time to give clubs the go-ahead to restart training and competitions.▪ The SKA will need to ensure that clubs and venues are following safe practices which may involve guidelines being issued.○ Fairness<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Given the irregularity of this season, the SKA may be required to make difficult decisions in order to make sure that the majority of clubs are supported throughout the period.● SKA involvement<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cub Retention/ Recruitment<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Development officer will look to collate “best-practice” information and disseminate it to clubs.▪ The SKA will also look to provide advice and assistance if needed.○ Universities<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maintain close contact with University clubs.▪ Offer help in discussions with Sports	
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Unions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Competitions<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The SKA will maintain contact with clubs. The competitions secretary will hold meetings with club contacts to gauge the number of teams they expect to be able to field in the forthcoming season.▪ The SKA will draw up plans for restarting the league under different circumstances.● Other Notes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Shot Clocks<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The SKA is looking to delay the implementation of Shot Clocks as they would represent an additional burden on clubs' resources.▪ They are also an additional surface which could promote the spread of the virus.○ SKA Cup/All-star match<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There are currently no plans for an All-star match this season and the SKA will decide at a later time if the a Cup Competition will be played.▪ These events are significant financial burdens for the SKA and there may not be many free weekends next season.○ End of Season Event<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It seems unlikely at this point that a finals day will be played as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finals day is often a large expenditure.● Finals day would carry a large transmission risk.▪ SKA may organise promotion/relegation play-off if and when it is required.● Competitions Suggestions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Season resumption<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The SKA should provide clubs with 3 weeks of notice prior to restarting the season in order to reduce the risk of injury to players who are out of practice and to allow clubs training preparations and the opportunity to book venues.○ Flexibility from clubs<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The SKA may need clubs to be flexible in order to run a meaningful season.▪ The SKA will need to find solutions which will allow the sport to grow once normal conditions resume.○ One-off Solution	
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<p>Discussion with inputs from Clubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions were raised regarding how regular hall bookings will be impacted by the current situation. AH suggested that clubs should maintain regular contact with venues. • Questions were raised regarding the use of Shot-clocks. DP clarified that using shot-clocks would require additional man hours in operating the shot-clocks and in passing certification assessments. • Questions were raised regarding if school sports facilities will remain shut over the longer term. The SKA responded that they believes councils will be likely to open sports facilities to the community for hire. • The SKA noted that they are increasingly optimistic that restrictions may be eased at a pace which will allow for a resumption in Korfbal activity to allow a season to be played. • AH asked if university representatives have heard how teaching will be impacted next year. Edinburgh University have been told that they will have blended-teaching while Strathclyde and Saint-Andrews are as of yet unsure. • Questions were raised regarding how often a club consultation in the style of this meeting were the SKA intending on holding. AH responded that the SKA will be flexible regarding their frequency but that they were looking to ensure that they were in regular contact with the clubs in order to respond to events as they develop. • Questions were raised regarding if players at university clubs would be able to play with city teams if their university clubs were unable to field teams. The SKA responded that they are looking into this and it could be a potential option if needed. 	