



01 February 2022

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Re: WP Club Rugby General Meeting – 31 January 2022

Dear Clubs,

On behalf of the Union, we would like to extend our appreciation to all the club administrators that attended the meeting on Monday evening and providing valuable input for the way forward in 2022.

In terms of vaccinations, the Union is awaiting further communication from National Government and SA Rugby, but we can assure you that WP Rugby will remain pro-vaccination for the safety and wellbeing of our players, officials, referees, and spectators. It is therefore of utmost importance that our clubs continue to encourage and promote the importance thereof to all its members and communities.

For our clubs to comply with the National Government regulations, especially when hosting fixtures and spectators, we refer you to the Government Gazette 45329 for your club to adhere to the necessary protocols. We have attached the Government Gazette 45329 (15 October 2021) for ease of reference and for your club to plan accordingly. The Club Rugby Department will engage with all COVID Compliance Officers in the coming weeks to ensure that they have all the necessary information and understand the guidelines documented by National Government & SA Rugby.

As in 2021, clubs will be required to apply for a “Certificate of Operation” by submitting the necessary SARU Return to Train documentation to the Union which must be completed and signed by the Club Compliance Officer and Chairman/President of the club. In terms of player welfare, we encourage clubs to follow the necessary Return to Train guidelines:

- Phase 1 - 4 weeks of non-contact with focus on only fitness and conditioning
- Phase 2 - 4 weeks of integrated contact training.
- Phase 3 – Return to Play

The Union is aware of the effectiveness of the ScrumIT system used by the clubs as a management system which unfortunately comes at a relatively high cost. Kindly note that the Union is currently looking at alternative management systems to assist us going forward.

For auditing purposes and to ensure that your club is compliant, we once again request your club to urgently submit its AGM minutes, Annual Financial Statements, Club Constitution, and contact list to the Union. If your AGM was not held recently, please ensure that it is held before **15 March 2022**.

We wish all our clubs the best in their preparations for the 2022 season!

Kind Regards



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