





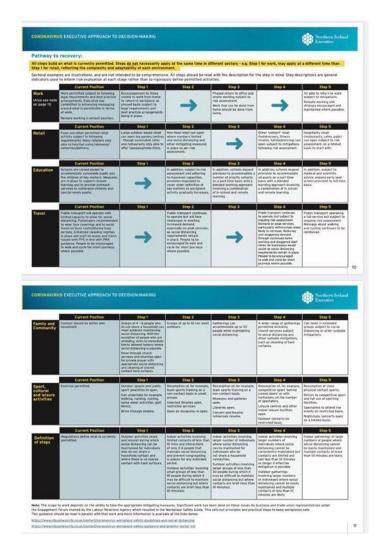


A communication to our governing bodies of sport – recovery framework. 12 05 20

Today the NI Executive published 'Coronavirus our approach to decision-making'.



The document sets out some indicative steps for the relaxation of restrictions when specific criteria are met.



To read the document: click here

What does this mean for the sports sector?

In the past week Sport NI has been working on a **draft Framework** to guide how a resumption of sport could take place in NI.

Sport NI met with Department officials this morning and in light of today's announcement, Sport NI will align the draft Framework to the five stages set out in the Executive's document, for approval within the next week.

The Framework is based upon consideration of information from a wide range of sources including consultations with Sports

Governing Bodies, discussions with Sport Ireland and UK Sport and consideration of other international responses from proven sporting systems.

The purpose of this framework is to act as a general high level guide for sports as they consider their specific plans for resumption.

What are the next steps for governing bodies of sport?

Sport NI recognises that a number of sports have already drawn up detailed staged plans, some with direction from their International Federations.

Once the Framework is approved, sports can consider these plans against it in order to ensure appropriate alignment.

Those sports that have not yet developed a plan, can use the Framework to guide their thinking.

Both Sport NI and the Department recognise that there will need to be constant review of the Framework, as more information becomes available and to take account of changing circumstances within NI's response to the Covid outbreak.

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