University of Manchester Sport Update

Last updated: 17 March 2020

Following yesterday’s announcement by the UK Government, the University of Manchester has been working to provide advice and guidance to our community. The government advised that everyone in the UK should avoid ‘non-essential’ travel and contact with others and the university has updated its relevant information at:

https://www.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus/

As a result, the University of Manchester is ceasing face to face delivery of activity and non-essential services including sport facilities and activities from 1700 on Tuesday 17th March 2020. We will actively communicate with users over the coming days in relation to any booked activities with us.

The safety and wellbeing of staff, students and members is of utmost importance and this has formed the basis of the decision. Where possible, we encourage everyone to stay active and maintain their fitness while following the latest government guidelines around social distancing. We hope to support our community in maintaining their own health and wellbeing at home and encourage people to share some of their ideas online with @UoMSport using #StayInWorkOut.

More detailed information regarding our services and activities are listed below.

Facilities
All sports facilities will cease activity from 1700 on Tuesday 17th March 2020. This includes:

- Armitage Sports Centre
- Wythenshawe Sports Ground
- Simon Building Wellbeing Rooms
- Sackville Street Build H11

Bookings and Events
All bookings will be cancelled and communication will be sent to customers in the coming days to confirm this along with refunds and deferrals as appropriate. We will continue to review the current position and any enquiries in relation to bookings at our facilities should be sent to:

- Armitage.booking@manchester.ac.uk
- Wythenshawe.bookings@manchester.ac.uk

Memberships
We are in the process of freezing and extending memberships during this time and would ask for your co-operation as we administer this process remotely.
All membership enquiries should be directed to:
  • armitagecentre@manchester.ac.uk

**Activity Contacts**
We deliver a range of activities across our service and we know that you will have questions if you have booked sessions with us. We will be getting in touch with you directly if you have a confirmed session with us so please be patient whilst we reach out to you all. If you have a specific question or require support, please do contact us:
  • Purple Wave: purplewave@manchester.ac.uk
  • Fitness and Wellbeing: health.fitness@manchester.ac.uk
  • Campus Sport: campus.sport@manchester.ac.uk
  • Volunteering: sportsvolunteer@manchester.ac.uk
  • Sporticipate: sporticipate@manchester.ac.uk

**Athletes and Clubs**
As part of our support to students within the Athletic Union and athletes that are part of our performance programmes we would direct students to get in touch with their student sport committees who in turn can communicate with the relevant member of the team.
Commitees and athletes with specific questions should get in touch with:
  • General AU Queries: rosie.bancroft@manchester.ac.uk
  • Scholarships and athletes: jonathan.kantor@manchester.ac.uk