



UoM Sport returns!

UoM Sport is excited to welcome both new and returning students, staff and local community to its sporting activities from September 2020.

There will be a number of programmes available to ensure our community can enjoy the vast benefits of taking part in Sport and Physical Activity from the start of the new academic year.

All activities and facilities will be operating with the additional necessary safety precautions in line with the various guidelines as set by the Government, University and the relevant sporting National Governing Bodies (NGB).

Available now and throughout

Throughout the campus closure, UoM Sport has continued to offer a variety of free virtual classes and workshops to keep our audiences healthy and active remotely. As we move back towards being able to deliver on site, we will continue to offer everyone the opportunity to be **#ActiveAnywhere** through our virtual classes and challenges that can be accessed on the UoM Sport social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram).

From early September

Ahead of the new academic year we are expecting to reopen our Sport facilities using a phased approach, starting with the outdoor sport pitches for community partners from early September before reopening the gym and indoor sport facilities for all user groups from mid September. All customers will be required to book in to use the fitness suite to help with capacity control.

As we move towards welcome week, we will start to provide small group activities for certain clusters of early arriving students and will be able to offer early access to training for sport teams on performance programmes with adapted practices.

Sport volunteering opportunities will also start to go live on our system where we are able to authenticate that safe and suitable environments are being provided for our volunteers.

Additionally, we expect to be able to open the Sport Offices at William Kay House with staff rotations to be able to provide in person information to new and returning students on our Sport and Physical Activity offerings.

From Welcome Week

By Welcome Week on the 21st September, we expect to have all Sport facilities open and operating within the new guidance which will still include requirements for adapted activities and control on capacity.

Fitness classes and Sporticipate programmes will start to take place across the campus which will also require advance bookings, with a larger focus on outdoor activities using local community spaces around residences and academic buildings where possible.

Returning sport club members will be able to start training with adapted practices assuming their relevant sport specific risk assessment has been signed off. BUCS competition will not be starting until later in the academic year but we hope to be able to provide some more recreational local

competition for clubs, halls and departmental teams in certain sporting activities in the first semester.

Keeping you updated

The above provides an initial blueprint of what activities are planned based on the current environment, however these are subject to change in line with Government, NGB and University guidance.

More details on these measures and how you can enjoy your return to play safely will be released over the next few weeks as we get closer to confirming the exact reopening dates of our facilities and programmes.

We look forward to welcoming you all back, however if you have any questions or require further information please sport@manchester.ac.uk.

