

STATEMENT FROM BLUEFIN SPORT

Following the release of The FA's guidance on permitted grassroots football activities, on Monday, (http://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jun/01/grassroots-football-covid-19-guidance-update-010620), we wanted to confirm the position with regard to insurance under the National Game Insurance Scheme (NGIS) for clubs/teams wishing to resume their footballing activities, to assist you and your teams when discussing this with your affiliated clubs/teams.

As you are aware, when The FA suspended all grassroots football in March, the personal accident and liability insurances provided via the NGIS for the 2019/20 season remained in force, and hence, these insurances are still operative for any clubs/teams who now wish to resume club/team organised footballing activities, in adherence with The FA's guidelines and Government protocols.

Personal Accident Insurance

The 2019/20 period of insurance in respect of Personal Accident insurance expires on 30 June 2020. As you have arranged Personal Accident insurance for your clubs/teams via a group scheme for the 2020/21 season, this group scheme will be effective from 1 July 2020, which means that all clubs/teams will continue to be insured.

Please note that renewal invitations will not be sent to any of your affiliated clubs/teams who purchased a personal accident policy in 2019, so as to avoid any confusion with regard to the new arrangements.

It is possible for clubs/teams to upgrade the personal accident insurance provided via the group scheme, via the NGIS quote & buy website, which went live on Monday, 1 June. We will produce a Brochure which outlines the upgrade options available, and provides instructions on how to purchase cover, which we will send to you shortly. It will also be available to view/download from our NGIS website.

Liability Insurance

The 2019/20 period of insurance in respect of the liability insurance provided via the NGIS also expires on 30 June 2020, and we can confirm that the liability insurance will continue, with effect from 1 July 2020, for the County FA and all clubs, even if it is not possible for all clubs to complete their affiliation by 1 July 2020. This ensures that your clubs will continue to be protected in the event of a liability claim, and there are no gaps in cover.

Again, the liability insurance will be subject to adherence to The FA's guidelines and Government protocols.

Both insurances are also subject to the standard policy terms, conditions and exclusions.

We are in the process of providing further guidance to assist your clubs/teams via a dedicated COVID-19 information page on the NGIS website. This will also contain FAQs that clubs/teams will be able to view, download and share as required. We will update you on this very shortly.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss any aspect of the NGIS insurances in further detail, please do not hesitate to a member of the Bluefin Sport team, who will be happy to assist.