

The current Government rules on social distancing prohibit outdoor gatherings of more than two people, except from the same household. In addition, non-essential travel is not permitted. This effectively stops League activities and prevents teams from holding practice shoots. The Committee interprets a gathering as being a number of people on a ground, not at a stand. The Government's latest advice is attached.

The League insurance policy runs out on 31st March 2020. This policy provides liability cover for members and guests at League events, as set out on the policy document. We have been offered a new type of policy that has been recommended by our brokers. We cannot suspend cover because unless we buy (and pay for) the new policy, there is nothing to suspend. We either buy the insurance or we don't. If in the future we require cover, we will have to fill in a new proposal form, obtain a quotation (which may differ from the current quotation), approve it, collect contributions from the teams and then pay the premium. This will take longer than the present quotation, which is being offered on the same basis as the expiring policy, but at cheaper rates.

The teams agreed to pay the insurance on the basis that it only amounted to approximately £5 per member and it would allow us to get up and running quickly, if and when circumstances change. The pandemic is still forecast to peak in May, which does not allow much time to restart when we normally conclude the shooting in August. However, renewal could have permitted teams to start shooting when appropriate, but this may be unduly optimistic.

Even though we agreed to pay the insurance, only four teams have contributed (Stonehouse, Royal Oak – Dacre, Half Moon and The Asquith Arms). The Committee considers that it does not have a mandate from members to renew insurance cover.

The Committee has therefore decided that we should suspend all League activities until 1st April 2021 and until we have new insurance cover in place. Please note that if we decide to resume in April 2021, practice shoots may not take place until there is insurance cover.

No shooting or other League activities must take place until the League formally resumes activities. Teams will not be insured until we issue confirmation.

Contributions to insurance already paid by teams to the League will be returned to them. It is a matter for the teams to decide whether, or not, to refund members.

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