

## TO ALL MEMBERS OF BORDER HARRIERS

### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THESHEEPMOUNT STADIUM

I can now officially state that we will be reopen from 28<sup>th</sup> July in a part time basis. The track will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-8pm. We will be following current England Athletic guidelines: <https://www.englandathletics.org/athletics-and-running/news/guidance-update-for-restricted-return-to-activity-for-coaches-leaders-athletes-runners-and-facilities-step-3/>

If you are not up to date please click the link above and all guidelines for Athletes/ Coaches/ Clubs and facilities are listed to implement and create an environment as safe as possible for all.

Please note that we are a Covid Secure facility and can adhere to the 'Unlimited' capacity as long as everyone follows the guidance instructions. The facility will be accessible via a One way system. Customer Journey:- Please queue accordingly- enter at reception- sanitise hands- scan in\*- make payment if required- then follow the one way building access and head for the track. The facility Exit is external and via the vehicle access gates. We only have one toilet available and the changing rooms are also closed. Lockers are also not in use. Do not enter the track by the external gate as everyone has to be registered for their presence. Coaches will be registered by the reception team.

\*Everyone must be on our customer database. The majority are on but some will need added. This is essential for track and trace purposes.

Memberships were frozen from Lockdown but I am aware of some being owed 2 weeks from closure due to the floodlights.

An individual coach or leader can carry out a coaching session with up to twelve athletes or runners and then coach or lead another group of up to twelve athletes or runners after the conclusion of the first session.

The High Jump will currently be unavailable due to the extreme cleaning measures required and we will only have the external throwing cage available initially. We will also have the Jump pits closed for the time being (Apologies for this but we will reinstate as soon as possible). Equipment can be used by an individual and must not be shared. The coaches and athlete need to ensure this is clear and implemented. I think we may have ample amount of equipment for individual use but if you have your own then it is encouraged to bring and use. Once borrowed equipment is used there will be a holding area for it to be placed ready for cleaning/ disinfecting by staff member.

Hurdles: I don't want to exclude these so I will locate some disinfectant spray bottles and towels to use on hurdles after use by the specific individuals. We will distribute as many hurdles as possible to train with as the less shared the better. This maybe limited though. If the coaches can ensure they are cleaned after individual use, I would be grateful.

Please note that Lane 1-4 is for long distance training and 5-8 is specifically for sprints. Coaches- If you have equipment requirements please email me between 12-4 on the day and I will try and have ready for you if possible.

The facility is for Athletes and Coaches only. The Grandstand is closed and off limits so there is no recess areas for family's and spectators to be present. Please note Parents can enter the building to make payments for child but must exit using the one way system. I know that it is not ideal but that is how it will be for the time being.

Throwing cages have both been repaired and the Athletics Track has received a full deep clean. The floodlight still requires removal/ replacement but that is in the hands of the

council. Please excuse the landscapes as my grounds team have only just returned from furlough and have a lot of work on their hands to tidy up 4 months of neglect.

Please distribute to those necessary and let me know if you have any questions and reassurances required for usage. The object is to provide a safe, comfortable environment for everyone. Coaches and Athletes have individual responsibility to control their personal environment. If you have or view any concerning behaviour please report for investigation. This is all new to us and if we work and communicate well we can return to some form of normality. This will allow the athletes to get back to enjoying the sport they love in an environment they enjoy.

See you next week!

Kind regards

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