

Reopening of Rowley Park 02/12/2020

Good afternoon all,

It is with great pleasure that I can confirm that Rowley Park will be back open from 7am Wednesday 2nd of December 2020 when national restrictions are lifted.

As you may be aware going forward Staffordshire is yet to be placed in the Governments new tier system. Please do bear in mind measures may be subject to change based on what local governing bodies enforce guided by what tier Staffordshire sits in.

Many of our customers prior to closure adhered to our small safety requests put into place here at Rowley Park for our 3G Pitch; Athletics track and function room/kiosk. Listed below are the measures in which we expect all customers, players and visitors to follow strictly on their return:

- **ALL** teams/users of the 3G pitch are to sanitise on **entry** and **exit** of the 3G pitch. Many teams and hirers, coaches, and players simply forgot to do so prior to lockdown 2. Staff will not be present on the gate to remind customers, although we will monitor any who do not adhere to this measure and address it with the main contact for the hire if needed.
- Any hirers with spectators/parental guardians must remind them to social distance on site. There were a number of occasions where social distancing was not practiced and it was a persistent reported problem to members of staff on site. Additionally, there are to be no spectators within the black fencing surrounding the track and pitch.
- Our entrance gate that allows access to our track and 3G pitch must be kept clear at **ALL** times as it is continually in use. There were many occasions where congestion put athletes and pitch users at risk. We advise meet ups/team talks to be conducted off the pitch and away from the gate. We advise using the green space we have for these.
- Rowley Park does not tolerate drugs on site. A few occasions we had reports of this and it cannot be accepted in any setting. We pride ourselves on providing a safe space for sports persons of all ages and abilities and continue to do so.
- Face masks must be worn in the kiosk/function room, and changing rooms (when open) unless exempt due to medical reasons.

To assist in enforcing the above we have local policing teams patrolling the grounds of Rowley Park to any who don't politely follow our requests.

We look forward to welcoming you back on site for what's been a tough time for the nation, and the sports and leisure industry. If you would kindly filter all information through to your coaches, parents, friends, and participants we would gratefully appreciate this.

I will happily respond to questions and will provide any answers with what information I currently have.

Regards, Dave Edwards (Park Facilities Officer)