



Planning for the Future

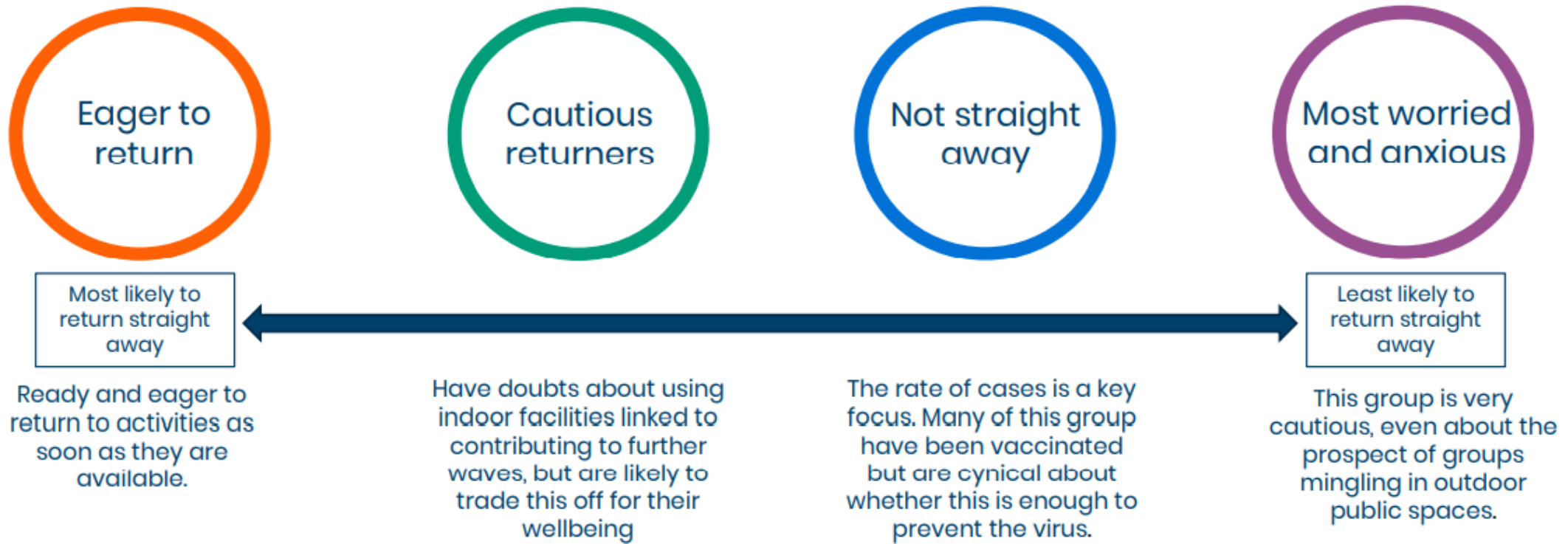
Rebuilding after Covid-19



Understanding the impact of Covid-19

Poll: Have you returned to indoor table tennis since restrictions were eased last month?

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Eager to
return

- Sport and activity is extremely important for physical and mental health
- Trust providers, and have a lower perception of risk
- Barriers: lack of available slots, limited flexibility

What will help them to return?

Easy to use booking systems
and maintenance of Covid-secure
measures.

“ I consider this safe and feel the right precautions are placed and carried out through hand gel, tissues to clean equipment and sprays to ensure cleanliness around the gym.

I am not refraining from physical activity and feel it is beneficial in terms of health overall especially with the current climate.

”

- Male, 18 - 34

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Cautious returners

- Most likely to include parents, and people age 18-34 in higher socio-economic groups
- Hesitancy stems from concerns about contributing to another spike
- Benefits to their well-being likely to outweigh perceived risk
- Tend to trust providers to maintain good procedures

What will help them to return?

Evidence of low virus transmission rates in facilities and active promotion of steps being taken to minimise risk.

“At this moment, I am rather pessimistic. I do think with the vaccine rollout I would feel a little better, but I would have to make a decision once I judge the transmission numbers.”

- Female, 18 – 34, parent

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- Rate of cases likely to be a key focus for this group, many of whom have been vaccinated.
- They miss their pre-pandemic activities, and are aware that they are less active
- Vaccine roll out provides some reassurance, but would like to see cases reduced for a sustained period
- May be more sceptical about returning to indoor activity

What will help them to return?

Outdoor offers from providers, low case rates of Covid-19 and reassurance through ongoing promotion of Covid-secure procedures.

“ I am refraining from doing this due to concerns about contracting the virus. I am not sure this is safe at the moment especially when I think about how quickly the virus spread late last year once we were allowed to mix freely. ”

- Female, 18 - 34

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- People aged 55+, and with long-term health conditions are most likely to be among this group
- Against the prospect of mingling indoors owing to a moral responsibility that they feel for others
- Really miss socialising with others
- Feeling in control of their personal space will be important as restrictions ease

What will help them to return?

- Ability to participate in outdoor activities with lots of social distancing.
- Reassurances around the vaccine and how it contributes to lower risk.
- Timely communication to keep them connected and sustained digital offers.

“Thinking about gathering indoors I am scared, due to the enclosed areas, close contact and not wearing face coverings. Outdoors is a lot better with fresh air and wide spaces”

- Female, 55+

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Poll: Where do you think the majority of your members fit in their intentions on returning to play?

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What will help people to return?

For those who intend to take part in activities, most would welcome a combination of Covid-secure measures and knowing that they and others have been vaccinated.

1

Showcase your Covid-19 safety measures

4

Provide flexible membership offers

2

Emphasise enjoyment and help people ease back in gradually

5

Make booking sessions easy & as hassle free as possible

3

Mental and physical health matters – but show the benefits, small victories and avoid telling

Returning to Action: Organisational Preparedness

‘With further support there is confidence of being able to reinstate a significant proportion of the active opportunities previously provided’

Where to access support

- Return to play resources
- Sport England Return to Play Small Grant (Closes 30th June)
- Catch up on webinars
- Sport England Club Matters
- Questions & queries



Look out for...

RETURN

TO THE TABLE

- 26th July to 26th September 2021
- Campaign to address concerns and grasp opportunities
- Give confidence, motivate, re-ignite passion

Members Advisory Group



Presentation to National Conference

Neil Hurford (Chair of MAG)

June 2021



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What is the role of MAG?

- Strategic advice to the TTE Board
- To be consulted by the Board on key initiatives
- To raise major issues with the Board,
- To engage with the wider TT community

Ensuring effective two-way engagement between the Board and the wider table tennis community is an essential role for MAG

Who are the members of MAG?



Kevin Buddell
(Coach, Club)



David Maddison
(Schools)



Stuart Sherlock
(Technical Official)



Jo Green
(Coach, Club)



Dean Nabarro
(Parent)



Dan Simms
(Coach, Club)



Neil Hurford
(National Councillor)



Sandy Nash
(Coach, Club)



Steve Pratt
(Club)

Who are the Members of MAG



John Andrews
(Coach & Tournament
Organiser)



Steve Bertie
(Player &
Ambassador)



Phil Ashleigh
(Coach & Club)



John Mackey
(Technical Official)



Dave Randerson
(Club & Coach)



Juliet Bertie
(Female Ambassador)



Liam McTiernan
(Club & Top Level Player)

What Does **MAG** Do?

- Engagement with the TT Community
- Projects
- Raise Issues with the Board
- Reporting

Engagement, Communication & Reporting

- **Counties & Leagues** – Suggestions made for future MAG programme
- **Clubs** – wide ranging discussions with 40 leading clubs over 4 sessions on how they can be helped in their development activities.
- **Coaches** – seeking feedback on performance issues
- **Wider TTE Community** – TTE Advisory network. Also with “passionate individuals”
- **Reporting** – annual reports, quarterly update notes, reports published on website

Over the last 9 months we have engaged with over 150 members and volunteers via 16 discussion sessions to explore key issues

MAG Projects and Activities

- Volunteering Recommendations (published)
- Coaching Overview (published)
- Clubs & Clubs Development (published)
- Transparency & Accountability (underway)
- How to reduce the drop-out rate of players in the 18-24 age bracket (underway)
- National Clubs League (starting soon)

Issues Raised with the Board

- **Performance** - how to improve the standard of our top young players by better interaction between the TTE Performance Team and clubs, coaches and parents
- **“Ask Us Anything”** – Live discussion by Board and Senior TTE staff on issues raised by the membership. A step-change in how TTE engages with the membership
- **Recruitment of Appointed Directors** - we suggested to the Board that such appointments should be re-advertised and be subject to open competition.

Forward Programme – Build Back Better

Our forward activities will focus on “building back better”. This includes:

- Improving the experience of players at club, league, county and national level
- Improving accountability and transparency by TTE

How to Engage with MAG

Web Pages: <https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/mag-information/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TTEMAG>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/624548831342753>

Email: ttemembersadvisorygroup@gmail.com

***We are very keen for our forward work programme to
be shaped by the table tennis community***



Competition Review 2021

An overview



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Competition Review 2021

- Board-sponsored project
- Led and delivered by Head of Competition & Events
- Supported by a Steering Group [Competition review: Steering Group announced](#) inc. MAG, elected director, player reps, club reps etc.
- Previous reviews in 2009 and 2014 led to valuable refinements but no fundamental changes
- Appetite now exists for a more in-depth consideration of opportunities
- Project brief, goals, aims, process and timeframe agreed by Board

Project Brief

The Table Tennis England competition programme is complex and inter-connected, and has grown organically into its current format over many years

TTE will undertake a root-and-branch review of domestic competition in order to address a number of known issues and ensure the programme is fit-for-purpose to meet the needs of our members

Goal

The right format, frequency, location and standard of competition across all demographics, for existing and potential members

Scope

- **IN scope:** national competition programmes that sit within Table Tennis England governance/ delivery (including tournaments, sanctioned events, national leagues, schools)
- **OUT of scope:** social competition, and competition programmes that do not sit within Table Tennis England governance/ delivery (including VETTS, BUCS, local leagues)

Aims

1. Reduce current levels of 'calendar congestion' and unsustainable burden on available officials, whilst identifying appropriate space in the calendar for events and performance squad commitments
2. Engender a more sustainable delivery approach; reduce financial cost to TTE and external organisers, and provide VfM for players
3. Facilitate opportunity for more creative and innovative external/ sanctioned event formats
4. Provide greater quality assurance of external/ sanctioned events
5. Encourage a more equal geographical spread of tournaments
6. Create 'upward pressure' through a pathway of tournament events (must balance with #2)
7. Prepare talented athletes experientially for international competition
8. Deliver greater opportunity to identified gaps in TTE demographic, including Women & Girls, and accessible integrated competition for athletes with disabilities
9. Consider extent of future integration of schools events into core structures
10. Assess the relative benefit of existing programme events
11. Offer an objective basis for removal of existing lower-value competitions from the programme
12. High-quality & inclusive event environment
13. High-quality player experience

Process - phase one (current):

	Process	Detail	Timeframe
Phase 1 – 6 months	✓ Mapping	Identify all event details on common template to provide global map of competitive opportunity	Spring '21
	✓ Insight1	<u>External</u> : research exercise to provide illustrations and possibilities - other benchmark NGBs in England and other TT associations in Europe	Late Spring '21
	Consultation	a) Open membership consultation, inc. specific target questions b) Forums to be held with key stakeholder groups	Summer '21
	Insight2	<u>Internal</u> : establish narrative insight via targeted interactions with c.20 knowledgeable members of TTE community + TASS women and girls research outcomes + actively engage with BUCS sport review	
	Decision1	Update to Board inc.. agreement to proceed and projected costings related to subsequent phases	Late Summer '21

Process: phases two – five:

Phase 2 – 6 months	Enabler	Implementation of changes to Junior/ U19 age-group	Summer '21
	Enabler	Launch of Online Tournament Entry module	
	Modelling	Outline modelling of future events and overall programme	Summer – Xmas '21
	Decision2	Outline proposal to Board for in-principle agreement; principles to filter into scheduling/ arrangements for '22/23 and '23/24 seasons	Xmas '21
	Enabler	Background launch of new rankings system	
Phase 3	Development	Detailed development of events and overall programme	Spring - Summer '22
	Enabler	Full launch of new rankings system (TBC)	Summer '22
	Decision3	Full agreement by Board	
4	Implement1	Phased/ partial implementation & progression of identified dependencies	Season '22/23
5	Implement2	Full implementation	Season '23/24

Membership Consultation

- Will take place over the Summer
- Full details, inc. mapping and insight outcomes, will be shared at this stage
- All members will have full opportunity to feed-in:
 1. Open feedback exercise, including targeted questions
 2. Forums to be held with key stakeholder groups (eg. O18 players, U18 players/parents, talent & performance group + players, MAG, National Council etc.)
 3. Narrative insight interviews with c.20 specific individuals
- **Further information will be available soon – and promoted across all channels – watch this space!**



Thank you!

The next workshops will begin
at 2:40

Please refer to your event programme
for the zoom links



Further Information

Sport England: Understanding the impact of Covid-19

[PowerPoint Presentation \(sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com)

SRA: Returning to Action: Evaluating Organisational Preparedness in the wake of Covid-19

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Return to play small grant: [Return to Play: Small Grants | Sport England](#)

Return to play guidance: [Ready to Return— Table Tennis England](#)