



# MEMBERS NOTICE

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – RETURN TO TRAINING - UPDATE

**16 June 2020**

Dear Members,

We have been continually monitoring the advice of the health authorities, the Government, Sport Ireland and Triathlon Ireland with respect to COVID-19.

Triathlon Ireland recently published Version 1.2 of its Return to Training Protocol for Clubs in which it outlines the way back for Club training. It states:

*A club is not obliged to resume activities and the committee should meet to decide when they feel it is appropriate for the club sessions to resume.*

The Club Executive Committee and the Club Training Committee have been considering (at length) the Return to Training Protocol for Clubs and how this might be implemented by our Club. In doing so, we have considered the following in detail:

1. The general risks and benefits of a return to training;
2. The advice of the Club Training Committee;
3. The merits of a return to training for some or all disciplines;
4. The appointment of a COVID19 Officer / Team, how they would operate and what they would need in order to do so effectively;
5. The requirement for and practicalities of implementing new Risk Assessments and Emergency Action Plans that, in addition to the routine considerations, specifically address the new challenges presented by COVID19;
6. Management of compliance including ongoing (existing and new) responsibilities and obligations of the Club Training Committee and Club Executive Committee;
7. The impact of any decision on the Members;
8. The approach of other triathlon clubs to a return to training; and
9. How we might support Members in other ways outside of a return to Club Training.

The primary objective of both the Club Executive Committee and the Club Training Committee is to seek to ensure the safety of its Members in accordance with applicable guidelines. Following comprehensive and robust discussions, **the decision has been made for the Club not to return to Club Training at this time.** In short, we do not believe that



we can facilitate Club Training in a way that would ensure the safety of Members to the best extent possible.

As fellow triathletes and Members, we share the disappointment of and frustration at not being able to train and compete as normal. That said, these are extraordinary times whereby the sport of triathlon and the activities of our Club must be considered in an unprecedented context.

The Coronavirus is a highly infectious and easily-transmittable virus. It has not gone away and remains a risk to the health and safety of Members, their families and friends and also the local community in Lanesboro and surrounding areas.

We hope that you can each understand that this decision has not been an easy one but is, in our view, the right decision for the Club and its Members at this time.

This decision will remain under review and we expect to update Members on an ongoing basis. We are currently working to ensure that we have all necessary safeguards and arrangements in place for when the Club can safely return to Club Training, although we cannot say when this will be. When the time comes, we will be ready.

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue training but ask that you do so both in line with the advice of the health authorities, the Government, Sport Ireland and Triathlon Ireland with respect to COVID-19 and also the basic safety guidelines associated with any triathlon discipline. You can refer to the Club website ([www.trilanesboro.com](http://www.trilanesboro.com)) for more safety information. Please do not put yourself at risk when training.

If you have any specific concerns regarding the Club approach then you can contact the Club Executive Committee at [exec@trilanesboro.com](mailto:exec@trilanesboro.com).

Stay safe and well!

Sincerely,

**Executive Committee**