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Hockey Ireland Coronavirus (COVID-19) UPDATE regarding changes to COVID-19 Restrictions.

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The following changes have been made to the Hockey Ireland Covid-19 guidelines given the latest announcement on Covid-19 restrictions made by the Irish (ROI) Government. These changes are applicable from **26th April 2021**.

Please see the following link for more information: [gov.ie - Level 5 \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)

Updated Guidelines:

1. Underage (U18) non-contact outdoor training in pods of 15 (including a coach) may resume.
2. All clubs must ensure that a branch registered Covid-19 Officer (CVO) attends all training sessions and undertakes the duties of the CVO only. Please see CVO job description document:
3. It is advised that clubs should update their Covid-19 risk assessment of club procedures and facilities before returning to training/playing. All returning members should be reminded of the club's Covid-19 protocols.
4. [The 'Return to Training' guidelines](#) continue to apply.

The Northern Ireland (NI) Executive have issued the following guidance for NI from the **23rd of April 2021**.

Please see the following link for more information: <http://www.sportni.net/pathway-out-of-restrictions-for-sport-update-16-april-2021/>

The following relates to non-elite level outdoor sport:

1. Outdoor sport organised by a club, individual or individuals affiliated will be extended to include squad training.
2. Competitive outdoor sport can be organised by a club, individual or individuals affiliated, with numbers (including participants, officials, management and essential support personnel) not exceeding 100 and no spectators permitted.

[The 'Return to Training' guidelines](#) should continue to apply.