

Further to the statement issued on Monday following the resignation of the Scotland Junior Boys & Academy Coach, the SWPC have been working to understand the operation of the Academy & Scotland Junior Boys in order to provide continuity. The following statements reflect the current situation:

#### 1. ACADEMY AT RCP ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

The final academy session of this block is on Friday 23rd March. Plans were already in place for this and this will be delivered as per usual arrangements. The next block for the Academy starts on Friday 20th April, this block will run as per the planned schedule. Debbie McRobbie will continue as Academy Manager and Neal Rayner will co-ordinate the provision of coaches. We will look to appoint an interim head coach in the coming weeks, and the existing coaches are asked to continue their services. Over the coming weeks we will look to review and refresh the Academy with new initiatives and alternative uses of this pool time.

#### 2. BOYS SQUADS

The SWPC are still working to understand the operation of the boys' squads with the boys' squads' team management. However, the desire and intention is that the squads should continue as per their current schedule to end June. We understand the session scheduled for this Saturday 24th March, has already been cancelled by the boys' squad team management.

The next scheduled session is Saturday 21st April. The booking arrangements for the Saturday night bookings at Carnegie, Dunfermline, lie with the boys' squad team management and confirmation that these have not been cancelled has been requested. Prior to the session on 21st April, plans to support the team through the next period will be developed, as will a plan for the second half of 2018.

The financial arrangements for the boys' squad have resided within the boys' management team. Until the SWPC has visibility, we cannot provide guidance as to the continued payment of standing orders. However, if the squads are to continue with the published training programme then the financial arrangements would need to persist.

Interim coaching cover – the coaches who have provided support within the boys' squads will be asked to remain in place. An Interim Head Coach (or Coaches) in the short term will be appointed to oversee and direct in the coming months. The position(s) will be advertised in due course.

Events – there are a number of training and competition events in the Calendar. A decision as to whether they proceed will be made in discussion with the existing boys' squad team management.

Long term plan – this will be developed with contribution from the boys' squad team management, other national team coaches and club coaches. Work is ongoing with a plan for the girls' squads, and that will also be considered.

As advised in our previous statement, a meeting with players, parents and others involved in the junior squads will be held in the coming weeks.

Further statements will be issued as situations are assessed and decisions are made.

Regards,

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