

Dear FICS Members and Friends:

As the pandemic has started to reduce its health and economic impact in some areas of the world, it has gained a foothold in others. Currently, while some describe practices as a new normal most at least seem to be returning to work. However, there is no question that COVID19 has left a mark with every sports chiropractor in one way or another.

FICS as an organization has been impacted as well. Most sporting events that had FICS docs providing chiropractic services have been postponed or canceled and many of our hands-on sports certification classes have been as well. We are hopeful that one or two events will be held at the end of the year, but it seems most are anticipated to be held in 2021. Yet as a volunteer driven organization I am proud to say that FICS has not missed a beat and is been moving forward even in this time of uncertainty. We are excited to announce our new Head of Operations, Dr. Dion Klein. Dion completes our new Executive Management Team and we are looking forward to the opportunities which this new team will bring to FICS, its members and our stakeholders. Visit our website to see the full team <https://fics.sport/executive-management-team/>

We have many dedicated members whom have spent a good deal of time working on strengthening our membership value and improving our position as the leader of sports chiropractic in the international sports world. If you have not yet had a chance to visit the new FICS website <https://fics.sport/> you should take a moment for a look around. Under the guidance of our service provider, Trish Donoghue, the website has become far easier to use and to navigate. The graphics are second to none and most importantly there is information available that will benefit every sports chiropractor who takes time to visit. You will notice further changes in the coming months as we continue to make improvements on the navigation and information.

### **Education**

For those of you who are into pursuing your education in sports chiropractic the FICS education commission has been busy adding new expert content while updating and modernizing the entire 10 ICSC online learning program leading to the international certification in sports chiropractic. FICS are very aware of the financial impact facing our members and are offering an additional three (3) months for members to purchase the ICSC e-learning modules at a discounted rate.

- an extension of the discount, at a reduced rate, will start on 15<sup>th</sup> August and will end at 5pm EDT, 20th November 2020;
- discount offered revised to 25% via a promotion code. members can purchase the modules via the FICS online shop <https://fics.sport/shop/>; and if you prefer you can still benefit from buying the course in installments, spreading the cost over a longer period; and
- non-members wishing to register for the discount will need to apply for membership with their NCSC or via FICS as an individual member.

An ICSC certificate is required for your participation as a chiropractor at FICS sporting events. If you hold an ICCSP you just need to register for module one (1) the head injury module, to upgrade to the ICSC course. If you hold a CCSP you need to complete module ten (10) International Sports Chiropractor (no promotion is currently being offered on single modules).

Ignite your passion for chiropractic and imagine all the awesome stories you can share with your patients. Also it will look great on your CV! Email [admin@ficsport.org](mailto:admin@ficsport.org) for your promotion code.

For those slightly less focused on learning FICS has a new YouTube channel. You will find entertaining discussions with people who impact sports chiropractic from around the world and education free content. You can also follow us on Facebook, @FICSsportchiro.

#### **Student Commission:**










Watch out for the FICS student scholarships which will see applications for the 2020 awards open on 1 September. Applications will close on 30 October. The past scholarship recipients are talented students from around the globe and have been working hard contributing to the FICS commissions. Keep an eye on the FICS social media channels for more information.

#### **Membership:**

The Royal College of Chiropractors Sports Faculty UK committee have been using the lockdown period wisely and have written a 35 page manual filled with advice, lessons and practical tips. It has 15 chapters on topics that are very useful for all DC's looking to build a sport chiropractic practice.

#### **Sponsors:**

Please remember as many sports chiropractors have been impacted over the last months so have our business partners. I urge you to take this time to learn about and support those companies and institutions who have stood by your organization. Please take moment to click on the links below to learn about the many wonderful products and services available to you as a member.

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|  Dynamic Tape                                      | <a href="https://dynamictape.com">https://dynamictape.com</a>                     |
|  Life University                                   | <a href="https://www.life.edu/">https://www.life.edu/</a>                         |
|  Logan University                                  | <a href="https://www.logan.edu">https://www.logan.edu</a>                         |
|  Northwestern Health Sciences University           | <a href="https://www.nwhealth.edu">https://www.nwhealth.edu</a>                   |
|  Performance Health                                | <a href="https://www.performancehealth.com">https://www.performancehealth.com</a> |
|  Snedden hall and Gallop                           | <a href="https://www.shglawyers.com.au/">https://www.shglawyers.com.au/</a>       |
|  Southern California University of Health Sciences | <a href="https://www.scuhs.edu">https://www.scuhs.edu</a>                         |
|  Borion  | <a href="https://hcped.boiron.cloud/">https://hcped.boiron.cloud/</a>             |
|  Thumper Massager                                  | <a href="https://www.thumpermassager.ca/">https://www.thumpermassager.ca/</a>     |

Keep a look out for two new FICS partners in the coming weeks. I believe when you see what these two companies have to offer it will change the way you care for your sports injury patients.

Thank you again for your support of FICS over these challenging times. Your messages of support have been most welcome. Athletes from around the globe are in need of your care now more than ever. I urge you all to keep sharp on your skills, keep up on the research, and take the time to “finally” complete your ICSC modules or convert your ICCSP to the ICSC certification. Soon FICS will get back to providing chiropractic care at international games and we want you to be there too!

From all of us at FICS we wish you only the best in health and success in in your endeavors!!

Sincerely,  
Keith Overland, DC  
FICS Secretary General