

If clubs agree they can play on Saturday

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Workington could be back in action again on Saturday with an NPL NW Division game at Brighthouse. It follows an announcement today that the Northern Premier League will permit clubs who are in agreement to play scheduled fixtures.

Brighthouse and Reds had already agreed that if possible they would play their game as programmed for December 19. The NPL statement said: "Following the announcement made on 10th December that confirmed the return of spectators to grounds in Tier 3 areas, we subsequently received a high number of requests from NPL teams asking to play league fixtures from Saturday 19th December.

"In line with the statement issued yesterday morning it was the intention of the Trident Leagues to await notice of the implications of the latest Government review expected on Wednesday.

"However, in view of the number of requests the Northern Premier League Board has taken the decision to permit clubs who are in agreement to play their league fixtures on Saturday 19th December with a 3pm KO.

"Should there be any adverse changes affecting our Steps 3 - 4 as a result of any announcements made on Wednesday, we will advise you accordingly. Otherwise we will look to resume the published league fixture schedule from Saturday 26th December for all clubs.

"This decision is that of the Board of the Northern Premier League."

Kendal Town were due to entertain Marine in their programmed fixture and that will now go ahead as the FA Cup giant killers went out of the FA Trophy last night, beaten 1-0 at home by Southport. The Mintcakes will also travel to Clitheroe on Tuesday night.