



British Riding Clubs Update

Summary of COVID-19 Restrictions in each Nation

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(Updates appear in red)



The following table shows BRC's current interpretation of the most recent government guidance and is subject to change, as and when government advice is updated.

Recent changes to social gatherings

Where recent changes have taken place limiting people meeting in a social gathering, it should be noted that organised sport activity and coaching are still exempt and can continue to take place under the current restrictions. Therefore, please see the below information regarding group sizes which are permitted in BRC and BHS events, providing the appropriate risk assessments and controls are put in place. This applies to any competitive or training activities. However, for any activities which are not directly competitive or training opportunities, i.e. committee meetings, alternative plans should be put in place to run these virtually wherever possible.

Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey

These guidelines must be read in collaboration with your own government guidance at the time. This may alter some of the guidance, i.e. numbers allowed to meet in groups or distance for permitted travel.

Local Lockdowns / Restrictions

With local lockdowns increasing across the country, please note that no BRC activities are permitted within a local lockdown area where sporting activities are prohibited, or where travel restrictions are in place, until these are lifted by the government. If local restrictions prevent people from entering or leaving an area without a reasonable need, then leisure and sporting activities are not usually permitted. Please ensure you check your local council restrictions carefully and follow them accordingly.

In England, information on areas with additional restrictions can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-restrictions-areas-with-an-outbreak-of-coronavirus-covid-19> The new three tier system effects BRC activities as follows:

Areas in Tier 1 / Medium Risk = No effect on organised sporting activities

Areas in Tier 2 / High Risk = No effect on organised sporting activities (indoor schools are classed as covered arenas, not indoor facilities)

Areas in Tier 3 / Very High Risk = No-one should be travelling in or out of these areas for competitive or training activities as they are considered non-essential. Some areas may also have travel restrictions within the area, so this must be checked on an area-by-area basis.

To check which Tier a location is in, you can use this post code checker: <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions>

In Scotland, information on areas with additional restrictions can be found here <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-measures/> and generally include no non-essential travel in or out of the area. Under these circumstances, BRC activities would not be classed as essential travel. Some areas may also have travel restrictions within the area, so this must be checked on an area-by-area basis.

In Wales, information on areas with additional restrictions can be found here <https://gov.wales/local-lockdown> and detail the exact restrictions in each area. These generally include no mixing of households / extended households, and no non-essential travel in or out of the area. Under these circumstances, BRC activities would not be classed as essential travel. Some areas may also have travel restrictions within the area, so this must be checked on an area-by-area basis.

In Northern Ireland, information on areas with additional restrictions can be found here <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-and-localised-restrictions> and generally do not include restrictions that would prevent BRC activity from continuing with the correct measures in place. However, some areas may have travel restrictions regarding travel into, within or out of the area, so this must be checked on an area by area basis. There are also some restrictions regarding the number of households that can take part in sport in some restricted areas, so this should also be checked on an area-by-area basis.

First Aid Qualifications

In line with a recent HSE announcement, the deadline for requalifying if you have a volunteer first aider with either an Emergency First Aid or First Aid at Work certificate, has been extended. For all BRC activities, these certificates that expired after 16 March 2020 can remain valid until 31 October 2020 or 6 months from the date of expiry, whichever is later. All requalification training for these certificates should be completed by 31 March 2021. For more information, please see https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/first-aid-and-medicals/first-aid-certificate-coronavirus.htm?utm_source=Communigator&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NL300920G&utm_content=#qualifications

ACTIVITY	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	WALES	NORTHERN IRELAND
General guidance for how many can meet OUTDOORS for un-organised activities / socials	Up to six people from any number of different households.	Up to six people from up to two households (under 12's not counted in limits) Cannot meet more than 4 other households a day.	Up to 30 people from any number of different households.	Up to 15 people from two households (under 12's not counted in limits).
General guidance for how many can meet INDOORS for un-organised activities / socials	Up to six people from any number of different households.	In public places, up to six people from up to two households (under 12's not counted in limits) Cannot meet more than 4 other households a day. In private places / homes, no mixing with other households is permitted.	Up to six people from one household / extended household (under 11's not included)	Max 6 people from one household.
Social distance	2m or 1m plus additional measures i.e. PPE / screens	2m	2m or 1m plus additional measures i.e. PPE / screens	2m or 1m plus additional measures i.e. PPE / screens
Group sizes for organised sporting activities (BRC & BHS activities)	Up to 30 people subject to conducting suitable risk assessments and implementing COVID-19 secure controls. Can be a rolling number of 30. Maximum occupancy of each indoor facility should be limited by providing a minimum of 100sqft per person.	Max capacity of 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in a defined bubble. Groups cannot mix but multiple sessions can take place throughout the day. Can be a rolling number of 30.	Up to 30 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Can be a rolling number of 30 but people cannot mix between groups. Maximum occupancy of each indoor facility should be limited by providing a minimum of 100sqft per person.	No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls. Indoors, the facility must not be capable of facilitating more than 5000 spectators.
Numbers permitted in warm-up arenas or rings	To be considered in the risk assessment and in-line with the numbers in the row above.			
Spectators permitted	No			Yes

Travel distance permitted	Unlimited unless in a local lockdown area or the Central Belt of Scotland.			
Facility hire	Permitted			
Locations	Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor. May need to check with Local Authority re using indoor / covered arenas in Wales.			
Lessons / clinics	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time with multiple sessions per day as long as groups do not mix. Max capacity of 200. No restriction on type of activity.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 with no limit on the number of sessions per day. No restriction on type of activity. Coaches must wear face coverings indoors.	No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls. Indoors, the facility must not be capable of facilitating more than 5000 spectators. No restriction on type of activity.
Training & education activities	Up to 30 people per group if suitably risk assessed.			No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls. Indoors, the facility must not be capable of facilitating more than 5000 spectators. No restriction on type of activity.
Organised hacks	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity.			No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls.
Fun rides	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No limit on the total number in a day if set off in groups of less than 30.			No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls.
Day camps	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity. Max capacity of 200.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity.	No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls. Indoors, the facility must not be capable of facilitating more than 5000 spectators. No restriction on type of activity.

Residential camps	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. Accommodation permitted for up to six in one facility.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. Accommodation permitted for a maximum of six people from two households in one facility.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. Accommodation permitted for up to six from one household / extended household in one facility.	No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls. Indoors, the facility must not be capable of facilitating more than 5000 spectators. No restriction on type of activity.
Social / evening activities at camp	Permitted but restricted to groups of six from any number of different households.	Permitted but restricted to groups of six from up to two households outdoors or in a public place (under 12's not counted in limits)	Not permitted as currently restricted to one household / extended household	Permitted but restricted to groups of 15 outdoors.
Competitions	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity. No limit on the total number in a day.	Competition bubbles of up to 30 people to ensure the smooth running of the event. These bubbles must not mix. Max capacity of 200.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity. No limit on the total number in a day.	No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls. Indoors, the facility must not be capable of facilitating more than 5000 spectators. No restriction on type of activity.
Site capacity limit	None	200	30	None
On-line competitions	Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.			
Social & fundraising activities	Permitted but restricted to groups of six from any number of different households.	Permitted but restricted to groups of six from up to two households (under 12's not counted in limits)	Not permitted as currently restricted to one household / extended household	No limit providing the organiser has conducted suitable risk assessments and implements COVID-19 secure controls. Indoors, the facility must not be capable of facilitating more than 5000 spectators. No restriction on type of activity.
Unmounted competitive, training or	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. Max capacity of 200.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time.	

education activities				
Committee meetings / AGMs	Should only be held virtually at this time.			
All other BRC activities	Permitted as long as social distancing can be maintained, in-line with above numbers.			

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