



British Riding Clubs Update

Summary of COVID-19 Restrictions in each Nation

25.02.2021

(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.

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.

Officials and Volunteers

It should be noted that in areas where there are travel restrictions in place, voluntary roles are not considered to be essential travel as they are not for the primary purpose of work.

In England

From 29 March the restrictions on grassroots sport are easing. This means that BRC activity will be permitted if meeting current guidelines. See accompanying table for full details on BRC activity resumption.

Detailed information can be found on the government website here:

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI58XmVbOH7gIVitPtCh2OIAPXEAAAYASAAEgIXzvD_BwE

Further information regarding looking after and exercising your horse can be found on the BHS website here:

<https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19/england>

In Scotland

No BRC activity is permitted currently apart from the following exceptions:

- Virtual activities, such as virtual dressage competitions
- Children under the age of 12 years can meet outdoors for sport, exercise or recreational and do not count towards the total number of people permitted to gather outdoors, which is a maximum of 2 people from up to 2 separate households (12 years or over). Children under 12 years can therefore take part in non-contact group activity. In such circumstances the number of coaches involved must not exceed household limits i.e. maximum of two for any given session.

Island areas who remain in Tier 3, are still permitted to continue with BRC activities as detailed in the update dated 21.12.20.

Summary of Indicative Dates (subject to change):

Indicative date of 15 March:

Non-contact outdoor group sports for 12-17 year olds subject to sport-specific guidance.

Socialising rules eased, to allow outdoor meetings of 4 people from 2 households.

Indicative date of 5 April:

Stay at Home restriction to be removed. Socialising rules eased, to allow outdoor meetings of 6 people from 2 households.

Indicative date of 26 April:

Scotland will move fully back to geographically variable level/tiered system from the last week in April.

It is hoped that all parts of the country currently in level 4 will be able to move to level 3 - possibly with some revision to the content of the levels. This could result in the easing of current travel restrictions.

The levels system will support the phased re-opening of sport. The detail of what activity will be permitted in each level will be confirmed in mid-March.

Detailed information can be found on the government website here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/>

Further information regarding looking after and exercising your horse can be found on the BHS website here:

<https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19/scotland>

In Wales

No BRC activities currently permitted. The only exception to this is virtual activities, such as virtual dressage competitions.

Detailed information can be found on the government website here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

Further information regarding looking after and exercising your horse can be found on the BHS website here:

<https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19/wales>

In Northern Ireland

No BRC activities currently permitted. The only exception to this is virtual activities, such as virtual dressage competitions.

Detailed information can be found on the government website here:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-guidance-what-restrictions-mean-you>

Further information regarding looking after and exercising your horse can be found on the BHS website here:

<https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19/ni-ireland>

We are currently looking at contingency plans for the first Championships of the year and will update you once we know more.

First Aid Qualifications

In line with a recent HS 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

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