



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.

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 2 December, BRC activities can resume across all Tiers. The table below shows the specific guidelines for each type of activity in each Tier. You can find which Tier your area has been placed in here: <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions> It should be noted that your individual Tier is taken from your home address, not where your horse is kept.

Whilst sporting activity is permitted to resume in all three Tiers, it should be noted that associated travel restrictions may govern what BRC activities can take place. As a general rule, people residing in Tier 1 can travel to Tier 2 but must comply with Tier 2 rules whilst there i.e. numbers allowed to meet. People residing in Tier 2 can travel to Tier 1 but must continue to comply with Tier 2 rules whilst there. There should be no unnecessary travel into or out of Tier 3. BRC activities would not be considered necessary travel, so whilst events are permitted to be held in Tier 3 areas, they should only be attended by people residing within those areas. Organisers should do their best to enforce these travel restrictions, however it remains the ultimate responsibility of the individual.

Specific advice for horse owners, coaches, venues and riding schools can be found on the BHS website here: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19>

In Scotland

Each area in Scotland has been allocated a COVID protection level. There are 5 protection levels from 0 to 4. This new system (sometimes referred to as 'tiers') was introduced on the 2 November. Details of protection levels that apply in each local authority area in Scotland are available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-allocation-of-levels-to-local-authorities-17-november-2020/>

Information for each level is available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/>

In Wales

Further information can be found here regarding the change in coming out of lockdown on 9 November: <https://gov.wales/written-statement-new-national-covid-measures-wales> and <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance> BRC activities can once again resume – see the table below for details.

In Northern Ireland

From Friday 27 November until Thursday 10 December inclusive, Northern Ireland will return to a lockdown.

Further information on how the restrictions affect you can be found here

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

This prevents any BRC activities from taking place during this time unless they are held virtually. See the below table for details.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The information in the following table is the current interpretation of government guidance and is subject to change as and when further information is clarified.

ACTIVITY	ENGLAND Effective from 2 December 2020	SCOTLAND Note that travel guidance below became law on Friday 20 November 2020	WALES Effective from 9 November 2020	NORTHERN IRELAND Effective from 27 November to 10 December 2020
General guidance for how many can meet OUTDOORS for un-organised activities / socials	<p>Tier 1: Max six people from any number of households</p> <p>Tier 2: Max six people from any number of households</p> <p>Tier 3: Max six people in public spaces only from any number of households</p>	<p>Level 0: Max 15 people from up to 5 households</p> <p>Level 1: Max 8 people from up to 3 households</p> <p>Level 2: Max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p>Level 3: Max 6 people from up to 2 households</p>	In public areas, up to four people from any number of different households. No meetings permitted (unless an extended household) in private gardens. Under 11's not included in numbers.	Max 6 people from 2 households, not including children aged 12 and under.

		Level 4: Max 6 people from up to 2 households		
General guidance for how many can meet INDOORS for un-organised activities / socials	Tier 1: Max six people from any number of households Tier 2: None - only one household Tier 3: None - only one household	Level 0: Max 8 people from up to 3 households	In public areas, up to four people from any number of different households. No meetings permitted (unless an extended household) in private homes. Under 11's not included in numbers.	Only one household.
		Level 1: No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households		
		Level 2: No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households		
		Level 3: No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households		
		Level 4: No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households		
Social distance	All Tiers: 2m or 1m plus additional measures i.e. PPE / screens	All Levels: 2m	2m	2m
Numbers permitted in warm-up arenas or rings	All Tiers: To be considered in the risk assessment and in-line with the numbers detailed in the other rows	All Levels: To be considered in the risk assessment and in-line with the numbers detailed in the other rows	To be considered in the risk assessment and in-line with the numbers detailed in the other rows	N/A
Spectators permitted	All Tiers: No	All Levels: No	No	No
Travel distance permitted	Tier 1: Can travel around, in and out of the tier. Government advice is to walk or cycle where possible and avoid travelling into Tier 3 areas except where	Level 0: Minimise unnecessary travel between areas in different levels. No non-essential travel to / from Level 3 or higher in Scotland or equivalent in UK.	Unlimited unless in a lockdown area. Journeys into England should only be made if essential.	No unnecessary travel.

	<p>necessary i.e. for work or animal welfare. Note: If you travel to a different Tier, you must comply with that Tier's rules whilst there.</p> <p>Tier 2: Can travel around, in and out of the tier. Government advice is to reduce the number of journeys made where possible and avoid travelling into Tier 3 areas except where necessary i.e. for work or animal welfare. Note: If you travel to Tier 1, you are still subject to Tier 2 rules whilst you are there. If you travel to Tier 3, you are subject to Tier 3 rules whilst you are there.</p> <p>Tier 3: No unnecessary travel, in and out of the Tier. Government advice is to reduce the number of journeys made where possible and avoid travelling out of the area except where necessary i.e. for work or animal welfare. Note: If you travel to a different Tier, you are still subject to Tier 3 rules whilst you are there.</p>	<p>Level 1: Minimise unnecessary travel between areas in different levels. No non-essential travel to / from Level 3 or higher in Scotland or equivalent in UK</p>		
		<p>Level 2: Minimise unnecessary travel between areas in different levels. No non-essential travel to / from Level 3 or higher in Scotland or equivalent in UK.</p>		
		<p>Level 3: Avoid non-essential travel out of each Level 3 local authority area. You may travel for sport and exercise up to a 5 mile radius from your local authority boundary. This is 5 miles from your home Local Authority Area, not where your horse is kept.</p>		
		<p>Level 4: Avoid non-essential travel out of each Level 4 local authority area. You may travel for sport and exercise up to a 5-mile radius from your local authority boundary. This is 5 miles from your home Local Authority Area, not where your horse is kept.</p>		
<p>Facility hire</p>	<p>All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel advice above</p>	<p>All Levels: Permitted but must be in-line with above travel restrictions</p>	<p>Permitted</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>

Locations	All Tiers: Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor.	All Levels: Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor.	Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor. May need to check with Local Authority re using indoor / covered arenas in Wales.	Not permitted.
Numbers permitted for organised activity indoors and outdoors	<p>Tier 1: No limit outdoors, including indoor arenas. Max six indoors i.e. in a hall / classroom.</p> <p>Tier 2: No limit outdoors, including indoor arenas. None permitted indoors i.e. in a hall / classroom.</p> <p>Tier 3: No limit outdoors, including indoor arenas. None permitted indoors i.e. in a hall / classroom.</p>	See rows for each particular activity	Indoors = 15 people Outdoors = 30 people Coaches and judges are included in these numbers. Venue staff, or volunteers used to support the activity are not included in these numbers, neither are children under 11 years old	Not permitted.
Lessons / clinics in indoor school / covered arena	All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel advice above. No limit on numbers or restriction on type of activity.	Level 0: 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. Scottish Government travel guidance provides exemptions for travel into and out of Level 3 and Level 4 local authority areas for work purposes. This allows for coaches to travel for work purposes.	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.	Not permitted.

Level 1: 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. Scottish Government travel guidance provides exemptions for travel into and out of Level 3 and Level 4 local authority areas for work purposes. This allows for coaches to travel for work purposes.

Level 2: 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. Scottish Government travel guidance provides exemptions for travel into and out of Level 3 and Level 4 local authority areas for work purposes. This allows for coaches to travel for work purposes.

		<p>Level 3: 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. Scottish Government travel guidance provides exemptions for travel into and out of Level 3 and Level 4 local authority areas for work purposes. This allows for coaches to travel for work purposes.</p> <p>Level 4: 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.</p>		
<p>Training & education activities in a classroom / hall setting</p>	<p>Tier 1: Permitted. Max six people from any number of households.</p> <p>Tier 2: Not permitted</p> <p>Tier 3: Not permitted</p>	<p>Level 0: Max 8 people from up to 3 households</p> <p>Level 1: Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p>Level 2: Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p>Level 3: Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p>Level 4: Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p>	<p>Up to 15 people per group if suitably risk assessed</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>

<p>Organised hacks & Fun rides</p>	<p>All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel advice above.</p>	<p>Level 0: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>	<p>Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity.</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>
		<p>Level 1: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
		<p>Level 2: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		

		<p>Level 3: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Outdoor Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
<p>Day camps</p>	<p>All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel advice above.</p>	<p>Level 4: Organised sport is permitted but subject to the above travel restrictions</p>	<p>Permitted for groups of up to 30 outdoor and 15 indoor at one time. No restriction on type of activity.</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>
		<p>Level 0: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p> <p>Level 1: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		

		<p>Level 2: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
		<p>Level 3: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Outdoor Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
		<p>Level 4: Permitted outdoor only - max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		

Residential camps	<p>Tier 1: Permitted. Max six people from any number of households per accommodation facility.</p> <p>Tier 2: Permitted. Max six people from any number of households per accommodation facility.</p> <p>Tier 3: Not permitted</p>	<p>Level 0: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>	<p>Permitted for groups of up to 30 outdoor and 15 indoor at one time. Accommodation permitted from one household / extended household in one facility.</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>
		<p>Level 1: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
		<p>Level 2: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		

		<p>Level 3: Permitted in-line with travel restrictions above. Outdoor Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
<p>Social / evening activities at camp</p>	<p>All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.</p>	<p>Level 4: Not permitted as accommodation only for essential workers</p>	<p>Permitted in a public place but restricted to groups of four (Under 11's not included)</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>
		<p>Level 0: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p>Level 1: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p>Level 2: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p>Level 3: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p>Level 4: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		

<p>Competitions</p>	<p>Tier 1: Permitted in-line with travel advice above.</p> <p>Tier 2: Permitted in-line with travel advice above.</p> <p>Tier 3: Permitted in-line with travel advice above. People should avoid unnecessary travel in and out of the Tier.</p>	<p>Level 0: Permitted - max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>
		<p>Level 1: Permitted - max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
		<p>Level 2: Permitted - max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		
		<p>Level 3: Permitted outdoor Max 200 people where the activity is organised and supervised. Must be in defined bubbles of max 30. Bubbles cannot mix but multiple bubbles can take place throughout the day up to the max of 200.</p>		

		Level 4: Permitted but subject to the above travel restrictions		
Site capacity limit for permitted activities	None	All Levels: 200	30	N/A
On-line competitions	All Tiers: Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.	All Levels: Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.	Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.	Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.
Social & fundraising activities	All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.	All Levels: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above	Permitted in a public place but restricted to groups of four (Under 11's not included)	Not permitted.
Unmounted competitive, training or education activities	All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.	All Levels: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above	Permitted for groups of up to 30 outdoors or 15 indoors at one time.	Not permitted.
Committee meetings / AGMs	All Tiers: Should only be held virtually at this time.	All Levels: Should only be held virtually at this time.	Should only be held virtually at this time.	Not permitted.
All other BRC activities	All Tiers: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.	All Levels: Permitted as long as social distancing can be maintained, in-line with above numbers and travel restrictions	Permitted as long as social distancing can be maintained, in-line with above numbers.	Not permitted.

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