

Update for British Riding Clubs in Scotland 26 April 2021

At last, the future is starting to look more positive and following the announcements on 9 March we have now spent some time reviewing the Government's announcement.

The Government in Scotland have announced some easements to the current lockdown and we have interpreted the guidance for British Riding Clubs. From 12 March BRC competition and training activities can resume, with some restrictions in place. The table below details the easements and what you need to know to organise BRC activities.

Updates will appear in red.

Horsescotland have some useful information here: <https://www.horsescotland.org/covid-19support?fbclid=IwAR0WLHr6oRN8ZqP-Z5ZWPN6XhRXajHbqfJ4s3fVPzYO1uVmsBM7GvL3hVbU>

Sportscotland guidance can be found here: <https://sportscotland.org.uk/media/6504/return-to-sport-and-physical-activity-guidance-160421-final.pdf>

BHS guidance can be found here: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19/scotland>

National lockdown measures currently in force can be found here: <https://www.gov.scot/news/moving-to-level-3/>
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-timetable-for-easing-restrictions/>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-levels-by-area/>

Date	Easement	Competition	Training & Non-Competitive Activities	Social Activities & Committee Meetings
12 March	Outdoor sport and leisure facilities already open for arena hires and under 12s group sport. Can now open for outdoor non-contact sports and organised group exercise.	Venues can be hired for competition purposes. Outdoor arenas, indoor arenas and covered arenas are all permitted. Only take away food and drink can be sold. See number restriction detail below.	As is already the case, arena and facility hire can open for coaching. Can now open for group training and recreation. Only take away food and drink can be sold. Day camps are permitted, residential camps are not permitted. See number restriction detail below.	All unmounted social activity, committee meetings and fundraising activities should remain virtual at this time.
	Travel	Travel to competitions, permitted for adults only within your Local Authority Area. 12-17 year olds can travel across local authority boundaries to take part in outdoor non-contact sports and organised group exercise.	Travel to activities permitted for adults only within your Local Authority Area. 12-17 year olds can travel across local authority boundaries to take part in outdoor non-contact sports and organised group exercise.	N/A

		Coaches can travel across local authority boundaries for work purposes.	Coaches can travel across local authority boundaries for work purposes.	
	Number restrictions	<p>Groups of 15 people only.</p> <p>Where there are multiple bubbles operating at the same venue these must be risk assessed to ensure there can be no mixing of participants before, during or after the activity. Specific mitigations could include staggered start times, limiting car parking or controlling access / egress points.</p>	<p>Organised activities such as fun rides with groups of up to 15 people permitted. The ride leader is included within this number.</p> <p>Where there are multiple bubbles operating at the same venue these must be risk assessed to ensure there can be no mixing of participants before, during or after the activity. Specific mitigations could include staggered start times, limiting car parking or controlling access / egress points.</p>	
	Organised non-contact outdoor sport allowed	<p>Organised competitions permitted for adults and children. Groups of 15 people only. Where there are multiple bubbles operating at the same venue these must be risk assessed to ensure there can be no mixing of participants before, during or after the activity. Specific mitigations could include staggered start times, limiting car parking or controlling access / egress points. Spectators are not permitted.</p>		
Date	Easement	Competition	Training & Non-Competitive Activities	Social Activities & Committee Meetings
26 April	Travel	Travel outside of local authority area now permitted for organised competition.	Travel outside of local authority area now permitted for organised activities.	
	Number restrictions	An outdoor sporting 'field of play bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including coaches, officials and other support staff at	Organised activities such as fun rides and clinics with groups of up to 30 people permitted.	All unmounted social activity, committee meetings and fundraising

		<p>any one time at Level 3 (numbers are subject to further confirmation from Scottish Government for Level 0, 1 & 2). Multiple outdoor sporting bubbles can be used for training and competition up to a maximum of 200 per day at Level 3. In such cases, operators and organisers should undertake comprehensive risk assessments to ensure that these bubbles do not mix at any time including before, during or after an activity. Once an individual has completed their activity, they should immediately vacate the 'field of play' and are then subject to household rules.</p>	<p>An outdoor sporting 'field of play bubble' can consist of a maximum of 30 people including coaches, officials and other support staff at any one time at Level 3 (numbers are subject to further confirmation from Scottish Government for Level 0, 1 & 2). Multiple outdoor sporting bubbles can be used for training and competition up to a maximum of 200 per day at Level 3. In such cases, operators and organisers should undertake comprehensive risk assessments to ensure that these bubbles do not mix at any time including before, during or after an activity. Once an individual has completed their activity, they should immediately vacate the 'field of play' and are then subject to household rules.</p>	<p>activities should remain virtual at this time.</p>
	<p>Tourist accommodation will reopen</p>		<p>Residential camps are permitted. Self-catering accommodation restricted in line with rules on indoor gatherings</p>	