

Update for British Riding Clubs in England 25 February 2021

At last, the future is starting to look more positive and following the announcements on 22 February we have now spent some time reviewing the Government's Spring 2021 Covid Response document.

The Government in England have announced a four-step plan to ease the lockdown and we have interpreted the guidance for British Riding Clubs. From 29 March BRC competition and training activities can resume, with the restrictions of the rule of six in place for training activities. The table below details the easements which come into effect at each of the four steps.

Covid measures are still required for all activities and further details can be found here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Full details of the Spring 2021 response can be found here:

[COVID-19 RESPONSE – SPRING 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

National lockdown measures in force until 29 March can be found here:

[National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Date	Easement	Competition	Training & Non-Competitive Activities	Social Activities & Committee Meetings
Step 1 29 March	Outdoor sport and leisure facilities can open	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.	Arena and facility hire can reopen, for coaching and recreation. Only take away food and drink can be sold. Day camps are permitted, residential camps are not permitted.	All unmounted social activity, committee meetings and fundraising activities should remain virtual at this time.
	Travel	Travel to competitions, permitted for adults and children. However, the Government directive is to stay local.	Travel to activities, permitted for adults and children. However, the Government directive is to stay local.	N/A
	Rule of six	Possible restrictions on numbers in warm-up areas. Detail TBC.	Group riding and hacking of up to six people permitted. Including fun and sponsored rides. Lessons of five people plus one coach permitted.	N/A
	Organised outdoor sport allowed	Organised competitions permitted for adults and children. There is no limit on		

		the number who can gather to participate in organised sport providing social distancing measures are in place. Spectators are not permitted.		
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Step 2 12 April at the earliest and at least five weeks after step one	Rule of six still applies	Possible restrictions on numbers in warm-up areas. Detail TBC.	Group riding and hacking of up to six people permitted. Including fun and sponsored rides. Lessons of five people plus one coach permitted.	All unmounted social activity, committee meetings and fundraising activities should remain virtual at this time.
	Travel	Travel permitted. Minimise journeys.	Travel permitted. Minimise journeys.	N/A
	Indoor sports facilities can open			
	Self-contained accommodation		Residential camps can resume where the accommodation is self-contained and restricted to one household e.g. staying overnight in a lorry.	
	Outdoor hospitality	Food and drink can be sold to be eaten at an outdoor seated area.	Food and drink can be sold to be eaten at an outdoor seated area.	
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Step 3 17 May at the earliest and at least five weeks after Step 2	30-person limit outdoors	Not applicable to organised outdoor competitions where there are no restrictions on numbers participating. Spectators are not permitted.	Lessons and hacking can take place in larger groups. No more than 30 people to congregate together in a	Social activities now permitted outdoors with a limit of 30 people.

			social setting e.g. an evening quiz and BBQ at camp.	
	Travel	No travel restrictions	No travel restrictions	No travel restrictions
	Indoor Unmounted Activities	Permitted following the rule of six.	Permitted following the rule of six.	Permitted following the rule of six.
	Indoor hospitality	Food and drink can be purchased and consumed indoors.	Food and drink can be purchased and consumed indoors.	Food and drink can be purchased and consumed indoors.
	Accommodation		Residential camp with shared facilities permitted.	
	Larger events, capacity limits apply	Spectators can return to events. Numbers restricted to 1,000 or 50% for indoor events and 4,000 or 50% for outdoor events.		
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Step 4 21 June at the earliest and at least five weeks after step 3.	No legal limits on social contact	No restriction on the number of people who can congregate together.	No restriction on the number of people who can congregate together.	No restriction on the number of people who can congregate together.
	Larger events	No restrictions	No restrictions	No restrictions