



# British Riding Clubs Update

## Summary of COVID-19 Restrictions in each Nation

### 02.12.2020

(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.

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>

#### **BRC Update on travel in and out of Tier 3 areas in England**

Following our update on 27 November, we have received further information on the government advice regarding travel in and out of Tier 3 areas for the purpose of exercise and sport. The government advice states:

For those residing in a Tier 3 area:

- You can continue to travel within your Tier 3 area for reasons such as traveling to venues that are open
- Avoid travelling outside of your Tier 3 area other than where necessary such as:
  - for work
  - for education
  - to access voluntary, charitable or youth services
  - because of caring responsibilities
  - for moving home
  - to visit your support bubble
  - for a medical appointment or treatment
- Where necessary, you can travel through other areas as part of a longer journey.
- If you live in a Tier 3 area, you must continue to follow Tier 3 rules when you travel to a Tier 1 or Tier 2 area

For those residing in Tier 1 or 2 areas:

- You can continue to travel within your Tier 1 or 2 area for reasons such as traveling to venues that are open
- However, avoid travel to Tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as:
  - for work
  - for education
  - to access voluntary, charitable or youth services
  - to visit your support bubble
  - to receive medical treatment
  - for moving home
  - because of caring responsibilities
- You can travel through a Tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey.
- If you live in a Tier 1 or 2 area, you must continue to follow your Tier rules, or the Tier you are travelling to rules, whichever is higher, whilst you are there

For general BRC Club activities, we would consider there to be enough local opportunities within your own Tier area, to avoid unnecessary travel into or out of a Tier 3 area.

However, for BRC Area Qualifiers, it remains the up to the individual to decide whether or not it is necessary to travel into or out of a Tier 3 area, based upon the government's advice as detailed above. This can be found in full here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert>

It will also remain at the organisers discretion whether or not to allow entries from competitors from another Tier, based on their COVID risk assessment for the event.

### **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](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 <b>OUTDOORS</b> for un-organised activities / socials	Tier 1: Max six people from any number of households	Level 0: Max 15 people from up to 5 households	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.
	Tier 2: Max six people from any number of households	Level 1: Max 8 people from up to 3 households		
	Tier 3: Max six people in public spaces only from any number of households	Level 2: Max 6 people from up to 2 households		
		Level 3: Max 6 people from up to 2 households		
		Level 4: Max 6 people from up to 2 households		
General guidance for how many can meet <b>INDOORS</b> for un-organised activities / socials	Tier 1: Max six people from any number of households	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.
	Tier 2: None - only one household	Level 1: No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households		
	Tier 3: None - only one household	Level 2: No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households		

		<p><b>Level 3:</b> No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> No socialising in homes. Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p>		
<b>Social distance</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> 2m or 1m plus additional measures i.e. PPE / screens	<b>All Levels:</b> 2m	2m	2m
<b>Numbers permitted in warm-up arenas or rings</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> To be considered in the risk assessment and in-line with the numbers detailed in the other rows	<b>All Levels:</b> 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
<b>Spectators permitted</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> No	<b>All Levels:</b> No	No	No
<b>Travel distance permitted</b>	<p><b>Tier 1:</b> 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 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><b>Tier 2:</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Level 0:</b> 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><b>Level 1:</b> 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><b>Level 2:</b> 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>	Unlimited unless in a lockdown area. Journeys into England should only be made if essential.	No unnecessary travel.

	<p>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><b>Tier 3:</b> 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><b>Level 3:</b> 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><b>Level 4:</b> 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>		
<b>Facility hire</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel advice above	<b>All Levels:</b> Permitted but must be in- line with above travel restrictions	Permitted	Not permitted.
<b>Locations</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor.	<b>All Levels:</b> Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor.	Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor. May need to check with Local Authority re using indoor / covered arenas in Wales.	Not permitted.

<p><b>Numbers permitted for organised activity indoors and outdoors</b></p>	<p><b>Tier 1:</b> No limit outdoors, including indoor arenas. Max six indoors i.e. in a hall / classroom.</p> <p><b>Tier 2:</b> No limit outdoors, including indoor arenas. None permitted indoors i.e. in a hall / classroom.</p> <p><b>Tier 3:</b> No limit outdoors, including indoor arenas. None permitted indoors i.e. in a hall / classroom.</p>	<p>See rows for each particular activity</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>
<p><b>Lessons / clinics in indoor school / covered arena</b></p>	<p><b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel advice above. No limit on numbers or restriction on type of activity.</p>	<p><b>Level 0:</b> 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>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.</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>

**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><b>Level 3:</b> 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><b>Level 4:</b> 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><b>Training &amp; education activities in a classroom / hall setting</b></p>	<p><b>Tier 1:</b> Permitted. Max six people from any number of households.</p> <p><b>Tier 2:</b> Not permitted</p> <p><b>Tier 3:</b> Not permitted</p>	<p><b>Level 0:</b> Max 8 people from up to 3 households</p> <p><b>Level 1:</b> Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> Indoor public places = max 6 people from up to 2 households</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> 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>



<b>Organised hacks &amp; Fun rides</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel advice above.	<b>Level 0:</b> 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.	Permitted for groups of up to 30 at one time. No restriction on type of activity.	Not permitted.
		<b>Level 1:</b> 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.		
		<b>Level 2:</b> 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><b>Level 3:</b> 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><b>Level 4:</b> Organised sport is permitted but subject to the above travel restrictions</p>		
<b>Day camps</b>	<p><b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel advice above.</p>	<p><b>Level 0:</b> 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. No restriction on type of activity.</p>	<p>Not permitted.</p>
		<p><b>Level 1:</b> 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><b>Level 2:</b> 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><b>Level 3:</b> 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><b>Level 4:</b> 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>		

<b>Residential camps</b>	<p><b>Tier 1:</b> Permitted. Max six people from any number of households per accommodation facility.</p> <p><b>Tier 2:</b> Permitted. Max six people from any number of households per accommodation facility.</p> <p><b>Tier 3:</b> Not permitted</p>	<p><b>Level 0:</b> 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><b>Level 1:</b> 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><b>Level 2:</b> 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><b>Level 3:</b> 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><b>Social / evening activities at camp</b></p>	<p><b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.</p>	<p><b>Level 4:</b> 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><b>Level 0:</b> Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p><b>Level 1:</b> Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p><b>Level 2:</b> Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p><b>Level 3:</b> Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		
		<p><b>Level 4:</b> Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>		

**Competitions**

**Tier 1:** Permitted in-line with travel advice above.

**Tier 2:** Permitted in-line with travel advice above.

**Tier 3:** Permitted in-line with travel advice above. People should avoid unnecessary travel in and out of the Tier.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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.

Not permitted.

		<b>Level 4:</b> Permitted but subject to the above travel restrictions		
<b>Site capacity limit for permitted activities</b>	None	<b>All Levels:</b> 200	30	N/A
<b>On-line competitions</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.	<b>All Levels:</b> Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.	Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.	Permitted. No restriction on type of activity.
<b>Social &amp; fundraising activities</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.	<b>All Levels:</b> 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.
<b>Unmounted competitive, training or education activities</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.	<b>All Levels:</b> 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.
<b>Committee meetings / AGMs</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Should only be held virtually at this time.	<b>All Levels:</b> Should only be held virtually at this time.	Should only be held virtually at this time.	Not permitted.
<b>All other BRC activities</b>	<b>All Tiers:</b> Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.	<b>All Levels:</b> 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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