



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.

Changes over the Christmas period

Whilst we will make every effort to issue any necessary updates over the Christmas and New Year period, please check the government websites for any details that may change during this time.

In England

From 20 December, BRC activity is affected in Tier 4 areas. 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/england>

BRC Update on travel between Tier areas in England

For those residing in a Tier 4 area:

- You must not leave your home unless you have a reasonable excuse (e.g. for work or education purposes). If you need to travel you should stay local - meaning avoiding travelling outside of your village, town or the part of a city where you live - and look to reduce the number of journeys you make overall. The list of reasons you can leave your home and area can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home#travel>
- You must stay at home and not leave your Tier 4 area, other than for legally permitted reasons 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
- It should be noted that whilst organised sport may continue outdoors for under 18's, as BRC does not have dedicated junior activities, the table below is generalised to refer to mixed / adult activities. For further guidance on this, please contact the BRC office.

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
- You should not travel into a Tier 4 area from another part of the UK, other than for reasons 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

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
- You should not travel into a Tier 4 area from another part of the UK, other than for reasons 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

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.

No BRC activities can be held in a Tier 4 area, and no-one residing in a Tier 4 area should travel for a BRC activity.

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/>

There has been an update on the travel restrictions in Levels 3 & 4 – see table below. [For more information and further guidance please visit the HorseScotland website](#) and

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

[The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2020 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

In Wales

Further information can be found here regarding the changes effective from 19 December:

<https://gov.wales/alert-level-4> and <https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19/wales>

In Northern Ireland

Further information can be found here regarding the changes effective from 11 December:

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

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 20 December 2020	SCOTLAND Note that travel guidance below became law on Friday 20 November 2020	WALES Effective from 19 December 2020	NORTHERN IRELAND Effective from 11 December 2020
General guidance for how many can meet OUTDOORS 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	Only your household / support bubble	In a private garden: Max 6 people from 2 households, not including children aged 12 and under. In a public space: Max 15 people as long as social distancing is possible
	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		
	Tier 4: Only your household / support bubble or one other person for exercise and recreation only	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 INDOORS 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	Only your household / support bubble	In a private dwelling / holiday home: Only one household. In a public space: Max 15 people as long as social distancing is possible
	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 Tier 4: None - only one household	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	N/A	To be considered in the risk assessment and in-line with the numbers detailed in the other rows
Spectators permitted	All Tiers: No	All Levels: No	No	Yes - up to 500
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 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.	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. 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	All travel limited to essential travel only	Everyone is asked to be mindful of the risks of spreading the virus by travel and should use their judgement when deciding whether or not to undertake a journey based on the individual circumstances.

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.

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.

Tier 4: Stay at home unless you have a reasonable excuse

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.

Level 3: If you live in a Level 3 or Level 4 Local Authority area you can take part in organised sport, activity or exercise in that area only, with the following exception: At Level 3 and 4 you can travel to a place up to 5 miles outside your Local Authority area to take part in informal exercise (household rules apply) as long as you start and finish at the same place. Please note, this exemption no longer permits travel for over 18's for any organised sport or physical activity. You should not travel out of your Local Authority area, if it is at Level 3 or 4, to undertake organised sport, activity or exercise (exception: u18s in a level 3 area can travel into other areas for allowable organised sport, activity and exercise).

		<p>Level 4: If you live in a Level 3 or Level 4 Local Authority area you can take part in organised sport, activity or exercise in that area only, with the following exception: At Level 3 and 4 you can travel to a place up to 5 miles outside your Local Authority area to take part in informal exercise (household rules apply) as long as you start and finish at the same place. Please note, this exemption no longer permits travel for over 18's for any organised sport or physical activity.</p> <p>You should not travel out of your Local Authority area, if it is at Level 3 or 4, to undertake organised sport, activity or exercise (exception: u18s in a level 3 area can travel into other areas for allowable organised sport, activity and exercise)</p>		
Facility hire	<p>Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel advice above</p> <p>Tier 4: Not permitted</p>	<p>All Levels: Permitted but must be in-line with above travel restrictions</p>	Not permitted	Permitted
Locations	<p>All Tiers: Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor.</p>	<p>All Levels: Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor.</p>	N/A	Indoor, covered arenas & outdoor.

<p>Numbers permitted for organised activity indoors and outdoors</p>	<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> <p>Tier 4: Not permitted</p>	<p>See rows for each particular activity</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Indoors = Max 15 Outdoors = Max 500, subject to a risk assessment and measures in place to limit risk of virus transmission. Contact details must be taken.</p>
<p>Lessons / clinics in indoor school / covered arena</p>	<p>Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel advice above. No limit on numbers or restriction on type of activity.</p> <p>Tier 4: Not permitted</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Permitted - Max 15 people including coach</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>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>Tier 4: 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>Not permitted</p>	<p>Permitted: Max 15 people</p>

<p>Organised hacks & Fun rides</p>	<p>Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel advice above.</p> <p>Tier 4: 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>Not permitted</p>	<p>Permitted in line with numbers above</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: Organised sport is permitted but subject to the above travel restrictions</p>		
Day camps	<p>Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel advice above.</p> <p>Tier 4: 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>	Not permitted	Permitted in line with numbers above
		<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>Tier 4: 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>	Not permitted	Permitted if not in private home. Restricted to one household per room / lorry.
		<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: Not permitted as accommodation only for essential workers</p>		
<p>Social / evening activities at camp</p>	<p>Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above.</p> <p>Tier 4: Not permitted</p>	<p>Level 0: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above</p>	<p>Not permitted</p>	<p>Permitted in line with numbers 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>		

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.

Tier 4: Not permitted

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.

Not permitted

Permitted in line with numbers above

		Level 4: Permitted but subject to the above travel restrictions		
Site capacity limit for permitted activities	None	All Levels: 200	N/A	500 spectators, 500 participants
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	Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above. Tier 4: Not permitted	All Levels: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above	Not permitted	Permitted in line with numbers above
Unmounted competitive, training or education activities	Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above. Tier 4: Not permitted	All Levels: Permitted in-line with numbers and travel restrictions above	Not permitted	Permitted in line with numbers above
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.	Should only be held virtually at this time.
All other BRC activities	Tiers 1-3: Permitted in-line with travel and numbers advice above. Tier 4: Not permitted	All Levels: Permitted as long as social distancing can be maintained, in-line with above numbers and travel restrictions	Not permitted	Permitted as long as social distancing can be maintained, in-line with above numbers.

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