

Update for British Riding Clubs in England 01 April 2021

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. **Updates will appear in red.**

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	Sport and leisure facilities can open	Outdoor venues can be hired for competition purposes. Outdoor arenas are permitted. Only take away food and drink can be sold. Indoor arenas are only permitted for U'18's limited to 15 people and para sport. The workforce e.g. judges are excluded from permitted numbers.	Outdoor 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. Indoor arenas are only permitted for U'18's limited to 15 people and para sport. The workforce e.g. judges are excluded from permitted numbers.	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	Warm Up Areas: One horse per 200 square meters which equals four horses in a 20x40 or six in a 20x60.	Group riding and hacking permitted, including fun and sponsored rides. Lessons/clinics/training permitted with no number restrictions.	N/A
	Organised outdoor sport allowed	Organised competitions permitted for adults and children in an outdoor arena/facility. Indoor arenas are not permitted		

		to be used. 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	Possible restrictions on numbers in warm-up areas. Detail TBC.	Group riding and hacking permitted, including fun and sponsored rides. Lessons/clinics/training permitted with no number restrictions.	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	Indoor arenas are only permitted for U'18's (no number restrictions), para sport, individual adults or household groups. The workforce e.g. judges are excluded from permitted numbers.		
	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 Indoor group activity permitted - numbers may be restricted.	Not applicable to organised outdoor competitions where there are no restrictions on numbers participating. Spectator numbers TBC.	Lessons and hacking can take place in larger groups. No more than 30 people to congregate together in a social setting e.g. an evening quiz and BBQ at camp.	Social activities now permitted outdoors with a limit of 30 people.
	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