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## ***COVID 19 Factsheet – December 2020***

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Please follow advice from our Governing Body, British Fencing, on all things relating to COVID 19 rules and the reopening of clubs. Please use this factsheet as an index for information that is currently available from the British Fencing website. Please also see the [latest news](#) from British Fencing.

### **Advice for fencing in England summary:**

- U18s are able to participate in organised indoor fencing following the BF guidelines in groups of 15 in all three tiers.
- For those age 18 and over in Tier 1 they are able to participate in organised indoor fencing (sparring and lessons) in groups of 6.
- In Tier 2, those age 18 and over indoor can participate in socially distanced classes with no interaction between households/support bubbles (ie no actual fencing).
- In Tier 3, those age 18 and over – no indoor fencing, except between members of households/support bubbles.
- 1:1 lessons can take place in all tiers at all age groups but restrictions apply with regards to interactions, travel and location.
- Please note – this may change if detailed guidance from DCMS changes.

*More tier guidance can be found [here](#). Quick guide [here](#).*

### **Scotland – A new 5 tier system has been introduced:**

- All fencing (outdoor) for U18 (those aged 17 and under) including lessons and sparring can happen up to and including local authorities in Level 3
- All fencing (outdoor) for adults (those aged 18 and over) including lessons and sparring can happen up to and including local authorities in Level 2
- Fencing (indoor) for U18 can happen up to and including Level 3. This includes sparring and other forms of training done within the age groups although all adults are required to distance therefore no traditional lessons can happen but coaching from a distance is fine.
- Fencing (indoor) for adults is only permitted at Level 0. From Level 1 upwards all adults not in the same household must distance as per the usual requirements (2 metres).

*More information [here](#).*



**Wales – Details of the post lockdown guidance can be found [here](#).**

*Latest Welsh Government Advice [here](#).*

**Northern Ireland** – New measures in regulatory effect on Friday October 16th for a period of four weeks. No indoor fencing of any kind involving household mixing. No mass events involving more than 15 people (except for allowed outdoor sporting events where the relevant number for that will continue to apply). Gyms may remain open but for individual training only with local enforcement in place

*Government Regulations and what they mean [for you](#).*

**All Nations** – Risk assessments must be completed before any activity takes place. Welfare and First aid provision must be considered. Welfare Officers are still a requirement for clubs. Coaches must be on the BF Register and club members must hold BF membership. No fencing competitions currently permitted. Any outdoor activity must have additional appropriate outdoor safety measures in place e.g. flooring, footwear.

(Lessons = where one fencer hits another fencer/coach on their body with a sword).

### **Risk Assessments**

[Sample-Risk-Assessment-Outdoor-Training-v15th-June-2020](#)

[Sample Club Risk Assessment – Club Training v24th June 2020](#)

[Sample Club Risk Assessment – Club Training 25th July England](#)

### **Session Attendance and Safety Checks**

[Template Safety Check Summary Sheet](#)

[Template Safety Check Descriptions](#)

[Template Attendance Register](#)

### **Guidance Notes**

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