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Good morning Friend,

## Stay In, Work Out and Stay Safe

As we move in another phase of lockdown we want to remind you that we are here and we would like to hear back from you even if it's just to tell us that you (and your club) is OK right now.

One line to [hannah.gavin@britishfencing.com](mailto:hannah.gavin@britishfencing.com) will do it! (And if you are not OK it's fine to tell us that too – for those of you who may personally be struggling with mental health and wellbeing please take a look at our new website page – [Are you OK?](#))

## MEMBERSHIP

Over the next few months, you may continue to receive information about your BF membership as part of our auto-renewal system. Please know this is not intended as a demand for payment. We recognise the seriousness of the situation and are aware that many of us are being impacted financially at this time. If you are able to renew your membership, it help us to continue our work and support the future of BF and for those of you who are still providing services to your members it will keep you insured.

We are extremely grateful to you for your support and the vital role our members can play in supporting their clubs now and in the future. BF is working to advocate for and inform our clubs, coaches and community. You can find updates on our website, including our advice and guidance page [here](#).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

# *Where can I find support?*

There is a lot of information to take in around COVID-19 and how it will effect sports clubs in the future.

Make sure you keep checking in on the Club page on the website [here](#).

## WHAT CAN I BE DOING DURING THIS TIME FOR MY CLUB?

It's a good idea to use this time as an opportunity to work through some basic admin tasks;

- Check your own details are up to date on the [membership platform](#) and we have permission to contact you. You will need to log into the system to check and update this. Also remind your members to do the same so we can contact them via email.
- Check your club details are up to date on the membership platform . We are still getting a number of undelivered messages when we send emails, to club contacts. Please ask your club secretary to check and update the club profile if necessary.
- Sign-up to our newsletters: [Club Digest](#) and/or [Coach Digest](#).
- Follow our social channels: you can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) where we will be posting updates on a regular basis.
- Tidy up your club's website and social media channels. Make sure all content is up-to-date and remove any unused channels to avoid confusion. Check that any content scheduled to be automatically posted is still relevant and accurate.
- It is also a good time to check that all your coaches and welfare officers are up to date with their required certificates. Remember you can add them to our online Coach Register and Welfare Officer lists.

## HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY CLUB MEMBERS WHEN SESSIONS AREN'T RUNNING?

Social connections are important, and we want to keep and foster those. Think about how you could link up with your members. Using online systems is a great way to arrange get togethers or committee meetings. A lot of platforms have introduced offers to help keep people in touch; WhatsApp, Microsoft Teams, Skype are just some examples.

## CAN I RUN ONLINE SESSIONS FOR MY MEMBERS?

Yes! A lot of clubs have already started to do this. As with all club sessions you need to make sure that sessions are led by an appropriately qualified individual, you give participants appropriate guidance and you risk assess your activities. More information and guidance can be found [here](#).



**NEWS**

Please link on the articles below to see the latest news. Remember to keep up to date on our website.

### **COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATE (ENGLAND)**

Following on from the PM's announcement yesterday, the UK Government today published guidance in regards to the easing of restrictions...

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE 14th MAY FOR SPORT ENGLAND COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FUND**

The Sport England Community Emergency Fund aims to deliver immediate funding to those most in need. It's specifically...

### **NOMINATIONS FOR BF HONOURS AND AWARDS 2020**

A reminder that the British Fencing Honours Committee is now inviting British Fencing members to nominate individuals for British Fencing Honours. The process for so doing...

### **BF CLUB WELFARE OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

The safeguarding and wellbeing of all members still remains to be important for all of us within the fencing community, and this includes conducting a thorough "spring-clean" of the Club Welfare Officer register and...

***SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL***



During this time British Fencing has been launching several social campaigns. Have a look at our Facebook, Twitter and Instagrams pages to get involved!

## #SalutetheNHS

Our wall of support for nhs.uk. It's growing every day as we add salutes showing our respect and gratitude. Add your salute to the wall by tagging British Fencing and #SalutetheNHS



## #beyondthepiste

We still want to hear what you are up to during this time. It could be volunteering locally or doing a Fencing Pub Quiz, tag British Fencing and #beyondthepiste



It could be a throwback like these four fencers from UCL Fencing Club took on the Walkie Talkie Tower Climb. They climbed up the 896 steps of the Walkie Talkie tower in London to fundraise for Great Ormond Street Hospital. With a group target of £1,000 they were able to smash it by reaching £1,081!

## #BacktoFencing

Finally we want to hear about how you are keeping club members engaged and what ideas you have so that we will be ready to get back to Fencing! Tag British Fencing and #BacktoFencing



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