

FENCING ACTIVITY- LOCAL RESTRICTIONS BY TIER

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The table below summarises the restrictions for each tier of local COVID alert levels in England. Local authorities and venues may impose additional restrictions. Therefore, in line with the latest government guidance and the introduction of the 3 local COVID alert levels we advise you continue to check our return to play guidance and follow these 3 steps before play:

1. **Check your local COVID alert level [here](#)**
2. **Check any additional advice/restrictions put in place by your local authority - [find local council here](#)**
3. **Check with venue before playing**

U18 & Es = U18s and other Exemptions - these currently include disability fencing and sport for education in certain circumstances (see website). No elite training exemption currently in place for venues/fencers. The 'sport for education' exemption is not available to community clubs and any use of this exemption should be agreed with the educational institution.

'Adapted' – The BF guidelines set out the current adaptations and measures that should be in place for any of these activities. These include adaptations to lengths of bouts, types of moves permitted, equipment, hygiene measures and so on.

'Supervision' - In all tiers, parent/guardian supervision is permitted (to a maximum of one per fencer), subject to restrictions on space and social distancing. All affiliated clubs should have welfare officers or equivalent in place in line with existing (pre-COVID) policies.

Summary of Tiered Restrictions - Quick Guide



Activity Type	Tier 1 – Medium	Tier 2 – High	Tier 3 – Very High
Indoor: Adapted Footwork, individual exercises classes	Yes, socially distanced	U18 & Es -> socially distanced 18 & over - As part of a controlled class, strict social distancing with no interaction between/mixing of households	U18 & Es -> socially distanced 18 & over -> Check local guidance on exercise classes
Indoor: Adapted sparring, pairs work, group coaching	U18 & Es -> groups of 15 18 and over -> groups of 6	U18 & Es -> groups of 15 18 and over -> household groups/support bubbles only, up to 6	U18 & Es -> groups of 15 18 and over -> household groups/support bubbles only, up to 6
Indoor 1:1 Adapted Lessons with registered coach	Yes, coaches can only give lessons to 1 group per session.	U18 & Es -> Yes, coaches can only give lessons to 1 group per session. 18 and over -> Yes, no mixing between lessons	U18 & Es -> Yes, coaches can only give lessons to 1 group per session. 18 and over -> Yes, no mixing between lessons
Competition	No	No	No
Travel to Fencing (Participants)	Yes (to Tier 1 or Tier 2 locations) Travel to Tier 3 only to enable fencing activity for U18s & Es.	Yes (to Tier 1 or Tier 2 locations) Travel to Tier 3 only to enable fencing activity for U18s & Es.	No travel in or out of Tier 3 areas other than where necessary to enable fencing activity for U18s & Es.
Travel to Fencing (Coaches)	Yes (to any Tier) No home visits in Tier 3.	Yes (to any Tier) No home visits in Tier 3.	Yes (to any Tier) No home visits in Tier 3.
Spectating	Minimised and avoided where possible	No	No
Coach Education	Yes (groups of 6)	<i>Further clarification required.</i>	<i>Further clarification required.</i>