

FENCING ACTIVITY- LOCAL RESTRICTIONS BY TIER - ENGLAND DECEMBER 2020 - DRAFT

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The table below summarises the restrictions for each tier of local COVID alert levels in England.

It is currently based on the information contained here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-winter-plan/covid-19-winter-plan>

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 exemptions currently include disability and elite. BF is currently piloting an Elite Training Environment to support athletes training for Tokyo Olympic Games. Outside of this UK Sport funded activity, no elite exemptions exist. *It is unclear whether there are specific circumstances in terms of sport for education, however should there be any 'sport for education' exemption it will not be available to community clubs/volunteers and any use of any education exemption by athletes or coaches should be agreed with and used under the remit of the appropriate 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.

We would encourage coaches, parents/guardians and fencers to risk assess all activities before taking part, in consideration of the health of all. Just because the summary table below permits an activity, this does not mean that it is in all cases appropriate for you, your child or your club and its workforce/volunteers.

Summary of Tiered Restrictions - Quick Guide v2.0 - DRAFT



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	U18 & Es -> groups of 15 18 and over -> household groups/support bubbles only
Indoor 1:1 Adapted Lessons with registered coach	Yes, coaches can give lessons to only 1 group per session.	U18 & Es -> Yes, coaches can give 1:1 lessons within 1 group(max 15) per session. <i>18 and over -> Yes, 1:1, no mixing/interaction between lessons</i>	U18 & Es -> Yes, coaches can give 1:1 lessons within 1 group (max 15) per session. <i>18 and over -> Yes, 1:1, no mixing/interaction between lessons</i>
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>