

BRITISH FENCING EVENTS COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOL

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1. PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This document is intended to explain the British Fencing Events Covid-19 Testing Protocol and to clarify different situations affecting all those attending BF events.

2. PRE-EVENT TESTING

Pre-event testing is required for all those attending BF Events.

The options are:

- Negative lateral flow test (self-administered) within 24 hours of arrival at the event
- Negative PCR test within 48 hours of arrival

3. SPECIFIC GROUPS

3.1 GROUP 1:

Those who have contracted Covid-19 in the preceding few weeks must follow the Government / NHS guidelines. If this is the case, the following is required - either a negative test as above or proof of Covid infection with at least 14 days from the first symptom day or the positive test, or 48 hours after the last symptom, whichever is the longer. Obtain medical advice, if necessary, before competing.

3.2 GROUP 2:

Those with a positive LFT will need to do a confirmatory PCR test and if negative, are cleared to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: If there is a risk of a positive LFT, the advice is to do one early enough to allow for a PCR as well. If this earlier LFT is negative, another within 24 hours will still be required.

3.3 GROUP 3:

Those who have evidence of having had Covid-19 within 90 days but still have positive tests. Although the risk of re-infection is low, a case-by-case assessment is required. A certificate from the GP to confirm that the positive test result does not indicate a new infection will be accepted.

More information can be found at Gov.UK return to work

3.3.1 ASSESSMENT OF REPEAT POSITIVE TEST RESULTS WITHIN 90 DAYS OF A PRIOR POSITIVE TEST (GROUP 3)

BELOW IS A EXTRACT TAKEN FROM Gov.UK return to work

“If an individual is re-tested by PCR within 90 days from their initial illness onset or prior positive PCR test date and their test is positive, a clinical risk assessment should be used to decide whether new infection ([‘reinfection’](#)) is a possibility and to inform subsequent action including whether isolation is required. Guidance on reinfection and performing clinical risk assessment is detailed in the [Investigation and management of suspected SARS-CoV-2 reinfections: a guide for clinicians and infection specialists](#).

If staff are re-tested with an LFD antigen test within 90 days of a positive PCR test and are found to be positive, they should arrange to have a follow-up PCR test and should self-isolate whilst awaiting their test result. If the PCR is negative, they and their household can stop isolating. If the PCR is positive, the guidance in the preceding paragraph should be followed.”