



Dear British,

## BF's Guide to Returning to Fencing

This latest digest looks to round up what clubs can be doing now in order to prepare for their return to fencing as well as looking at some new initiatives BF have recently released. We can all agree its been a tough time for clubs and members but at BF we are working to ensure that when we can open our doors again we can support our members in all that they may need.

Help us know more by filling out the latest [BF CLUB POLL](#).

## CLUB ADVICE

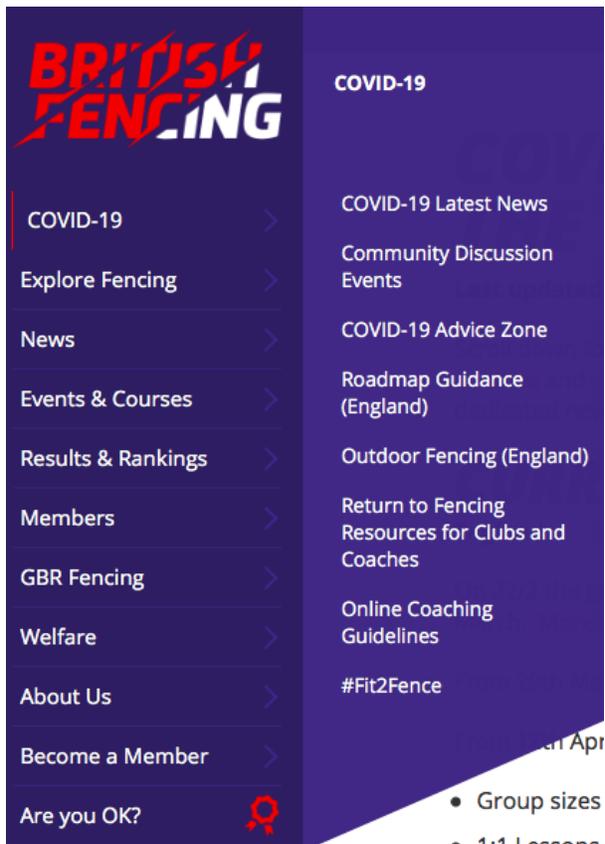
### LOCKDOWN LATEST

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

Here's our guide to the BF website so you can keep up with all the latest.

#### COVID-19 ZONE

This zone sits at the top of the main website menu, here you can find all the '**Latest News**' relating to COVID as well as



the '**Advice Zone**' which highlights the current status for all Home Countries and where to head to find out more.

There is also a dedicated page for current '**Roadmap Guidance**' with an explanation of what is possible at each stage and what is expected to change as we move forward.

Everything relating to our '**Community Discussion Events**' series also sits under this section so you can see when sessions will be happening and how to get involved.

Finally the '**Return to Fencing Resources**' section details everything you need to get back to fencing including the latest Fencing Guidelines document and FAQs.

## [Are you OK? - BF's dedicated zone to mental health and wellbeing](#)

"It's okay to not be okay. You're allowed to change your mind, to take a break or leave a situation you don't feel comfortable in. There's no need to blame yourself for any of those things just like there's no need to feel bad about... feeling bad. We should all be allowed to fall apart sometimes so that we can find ourselves all over again."

## QUESTIONS AROUND COVID?

If you have any queries regarding COVID please contact us using [this form](#).

Please note that we may not be able to answer your questions until we have received further clarification (which we will in the first instance publish on our website).



## GET INVOLVED WITH THE DISCUSSION

To support our community we are scheduling a series of COVID-19 Officer discussion events that will align with the expected dates published as part of the 'COVID-19 Response – Spring 2021', setting out the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England.

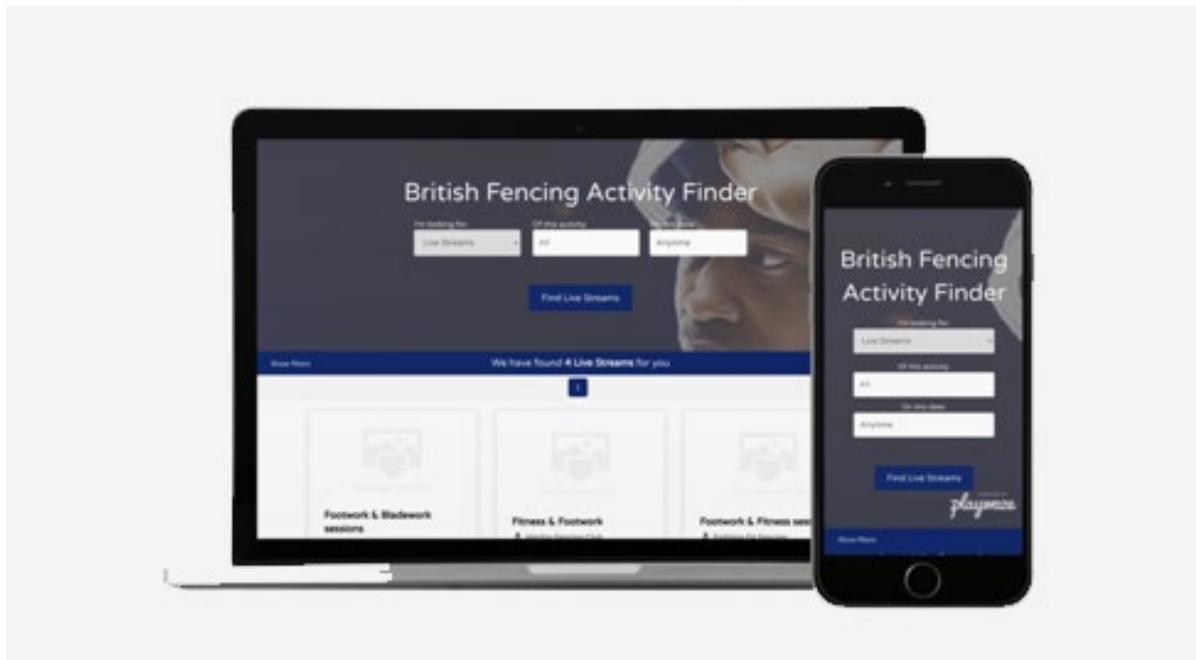
The government and Sport England have confirmed that they will not update their information until a week before each expected stage date. Once information is released, BF will update its own guidance on the website.

The next scheduled event, which will focused on STAGE THREE, is due on **Thursday 13th May**.

Registration information for this session will be sent out to all registered Club Admins and COVID 19 Officers, make sure your details are up to date by visiting your club's membership profile on Sport80.

For more information on all the sessions we run check out the [website here](#).

## IN FOCUS



**GET INSPIRED - HAVE YOU SIGNED INTO PLAYWAZE YET?**

**BF CLUBS** - There's still time for clubs to claim their FREE Playwaze profile.

Each BF affiliated club has a FREE Playwaze profile waiting for them online. Log ins can be accessed today and clubs can start to communicate with members to get prepped for their return to fencing.

We launched our partnership with Playwaze back in September 2020 and alongside the test and trace functionality, the platform is also powering the evolved BF activity finder that displays all affiliated clubs, sessions (both virtual/online and physical) and our new BFTV content.

In addition to a free profile BF affiliated clubs also have access to a range of features including Push Notifications for Members and New Feed capabilities. Clubs also get to trial select features on a never-ending cycle – perfect for a series of repeating sessions or a one off course.

**For more information check out the [page here](#).**

### The Free Offer

Free and unlimited use of these features:	+	With a never-ending trial of each subscription feature:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Memberships</li><li>News</li><li>Push Notifications</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One repeating activity</li><li>One tournament</li><li>One league</li><li>One ladder</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teams &amp; Team Manager</li><li>Payments</li><li>Reporting</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One leaderboard</li><li>One reward</li><li>One course</li><li>One volunteering opportunity</li></ul>

## **BF MEMBERS - Start your Playwaze journey today!**

Joining Playwaze is easy for BF members;

1. Click the link to the [British Fencing Network](#)
2. Complete your personal Playwaze profile with your BF membership number
3. You're in!

## **FIND YOUR CLUB**

Once you've joined the network you can find your club and become part of their community to see what activity they have on offer.

## **TRAVEL TO TOKYO WITH BF**

Join the GB LEAGUE community and you can take part in the GB CHALLENGE: TRAVEL TO TOKYO.

As we can't travel to the Olympics this year, and as we also look forward to getting back to fencing, we are setting all British Fencing members the challenge to join us virtually to Travel to Tokyo. To complete the 16,312,500 steps (based on an average of 1,250 steps per km) to Tokyo we are inviting you to submit your steps!

The challenge is recorded by connecting to your personal fitness tracker on your phone/wearable device.

Just link your personal device to your Playwaze account and each day your steps will be added to

your total.

The Playwaze Challenge feature supports the following trackers: Fitbit, Strava, Garmin, Apple Health and GoogleFit.

During the challenge, you will be rewarded with points for the distances completed.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### UPDATE YOUR CLUB'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Make sure all contacts on your club profile are up to date to ensure that the club is kept in the loop with all the latest information.

1. **CLUB ADMINS** - Check your club details are up to date on the Sport80 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.
2. **COACHES AND WELFARE OFFICERS** - It's 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 (see our requirements for coaches here and welfare officer guidance here).
3. **COVID-19 OFFICERS** - We are requesting that clubs as part of their return to play practices appoint a COVID-19 Officer. To register your COVID-19 Officer on the membership platform please see instructions here.
4. **MEMBERS** - Encourage your members to check their own details are up to date on the Sport80 membership platform.

[Follow the instructions here](#)

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### GET YOUR NEW, DIGITAL BF MEMBERSHIP CARD TODAY!

Following feedback and discussions with our community, we are pleased to announce that your BF membership now comes with a digital card. The card includes a scannable QR code so that your membership can be checked on the go.

Your card can be downloaded TODAY from the sport80 platform;

1. Log into your account – [bfsport80.com](https://bfsport80.com)
2. On your profile menu click 'Memberships' and then click 'Current' on the status bar

3. On the pop up click 'Resend Membership Email' at the bottom
4. Go to your inbox and the instructions of how to download your card onto your device are at the bottom of the email. You also receive a printable version, including the scannable QR code, so that you can pop it in your wallet.

Remember to keep your sport80 membership details up to date so that you don't miss out on important updates!

For more member tasks like this search 'Return to Fencing' on any of our platforms.

## NEWS

**A selection of the latest news from BF.**

**Remember to keep up to date on our website.**

### **[BRITISH FENCERS SHOW PROGRESS AT FINAL OLYMPIC QUALIFIER](#)**

*Five British fencers took part in the European Zonal qualification event in Madrid at the weekend.*

This was the final opportunity for fencers from Europe to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games with only the winners booking their...

### **[SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 SELECTIONS](#)**

*BF announces the athletes selected to represent GBR at the Senior European Championships 2021*

Selections for the upcoming Senior European Championships have been made according to the criteria published in the Board approved Senior European Championships Selection Policy.

These are now published (subject to...

### **[BF SENDS CONDOLENCES TO THE QUEEN](#)**

*BF has sent a letter of condolence to its Royal Patron, Her Majesty The Queen. His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was a supporter of youth sports and patron of BF's partner, London Youth since 1947.*

On 9 April 2021 Buckingham Palace announced the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. On behalf of British Fencing and our members, the BF...

## [TAP SPEAKS: WITH JON SALFIELD, LEAD WEAPON COACH](#)

*TAP Speaks: with British Fencing* is a series of eight videos exploring elements of the collaboration between BF and The True Athlete Project. Each week we will be sharing an episode from the series.

On Guard, On Demand Online: Find this series on...

## [BF LAUNCHES NEW DEVELOPING PEOPLE FEMALE MENTOR PROGRAMME](#)

*On International Women's Day 2021, British Fencing announces the launch of its Developing People Programme (DPP) for female mentors, to increase the number of female performance mentors and improve the provision of female role models within fencing in the UK.*

Whilst Fencing is seen by many as a sport that provides equal opportunities for all genders, our equality and diversity surveys tell us that there is still a way to go towards gender...

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We will continue to update our COVID-19 advice [here](#).

You can also subscribe to our new weekly FENCING DIGEST email featuring the previous week's latest news and announcements. [Sign up here](#).

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