

Getting Back on Outdoor Tracks - Q&A

Effective Date for all the below is the 4th July (England) unless otherwise stated.

The following Q&A is intended to provide some clarity to the guidance documents issued – there will invariably be other things that crop up, if you have time then ask via the 'Contact Us' on brca.org. Otherwise apply common sense and do your best, these are difficult times and scenarios will crop up that are not accounted for, when that happens all we can do is the best we can in the circumstances.

Prior to the 4th July

It is the opinion of the Association that only the existing arrangements for practice events (or variations on them based on changing numbers of people allowed) will be possible.

Given the existing Government Guidelines and Timescale (For England) the below is what is believed will be required to commence Competitive Events.

All of the Below has been taken from Government, Sport England and Motorsport UK documentation and interpreted to fit our activity – it is the Associations responsibility to do that on your behalf – it is Your Responsibility to Read it and Ask if Unsure.

Are there restrictions on competitor numbers?

Currently there is No specific restriction on competitor numbers. Each organiser/venue will need to consider the needs of the venue in order to identify if and how they need to restrict numbers to allow for all guidance requirements to be implemented.

Will we need PPE?

All competitors will need to provide their own Hi Viz waistcoat and a pair of gloves (for marshalling) plus a face mask or possibly a face shield – depending on the venue and the ability to socially distance.

(Where we can't socially distance the alternative is the mask/shield.)

Additionally, all competitors should bring their own bottle of hand sanitiser and dependant on the venue disposable gloves may be appropriate.

Is there any on site medical check required?

Based on medical advice, it is the competitor's responsibility to only attend if they do not have any symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone who may have displayed any symptoms within the previous 14 days.

Additionally, should anyone at an event become unwell in any way, they must notify the organisers to advise that they are unwell, and they will be required to leave the venue. There are many symptoms associated with COVID-19 and it will not initially be apparent that the person is infected with the virus. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure they are safe themselves and that their action, or lack of, may detrimentally impact on fellow participants.

What should I do if I have concerns about attending events under current conditions? Whilst we have guidance to allow for events to resume, participation is not mandatory, and every individual must consider their own personal circumstances and determine whether they should participate.

It is unacceptable to try and 'convince' anybody to attend, there are a multitude of reasons why some of our fellow racers won't feel comfortable attending an event currently.

How will event registration be operated?

This will be determined by the organisers to enable the guidance to be respected. Some of them already have an online event management system. Some of them may have systems may be easily adaptable, in the event they are not, then the organiser will require each participant to submit by email their entry, in good time before the event.

Will there be Scrutineering?

Not where the handling of the car is required, there may well be measuring equipment made available where each competitor processes their own car observed by an official, should there be a protest then it may be required to remove the entire car from the event to conduct the test/checks in a safe environment.

Will any site signage be required?

This may be required, if it is, we will email an easily printable file to all clubs and organisers.

Will it still be possible to pay the club for practice or racing when I arrive?

Probably not as cash handling should be avoided and on-site payments should be contactless – if cash cannot be avoided then use of the correct change is required. You may be required to pre-register/ enter and pay using whatever system the club and or the organisers require.

Will my mechanic be required to wear a face mask or any PPE?

The requirement for the wearing of PPE is venue dependant – but it applies to all on site.

Can I arrive the previous day or stop overnight?

This will be dependent upon ongoing government regulation but in principle Yes. However, it is very venue dependant due to social distancing requirements meaning that everything requires more room – check with the venue.

Can I use a gazebo or pitting tent?

Yes, but once again it is venue dependant so you'll need to check with them and social distancing still applies, hence it should only be for the competitor and their mechanic, it is recommended that sides be left off/open so they are well ventilated

Can the normal trackside shop be open?

In principle yes, provided that they are able operate social distancing measures, and can avoid handling cash wherever possible (see paying for your racing)

Will catering facilities be open as usual at the venue?

At this time take away facilities can operate provided social distancing can be maintained.

Will my family be able to come to the events?

This will be dependent upon the venue, while it's theoretically within the regulations the space within the venue may make this impossible check with the organiser.

Can I still use a handout transponder for the event?

Transponders may still be hired under sanitised conditions. You should check with the organisers that transponder hire is available at the event.

Should you have further queries, please use 'contact us' at brca.org