

# Getting Back On Track

**The BRCA Executive, like other sports governing bodies, has been planning how it will be possible to re-start our sport in the not too distant future, while working within the government guidelines.**

Racing is currently suspended throughout the UK until 4<sup>th</sup> July in order to protect the NHS and save lives. This is in line with practically every sport in the country.

As the UK Government has now announced a gradual release of the lockdown, we can communicate the requirements on how to best resume our activities as quickly as we can while still under some restrictions.

We want to thank all of our community for supporting the need to suspend our activities; we appreciate just how difficult this has been for many individuals and clubs.

We are fortunate that some of our sport takes place outdoors, so that with practical measures in place, much of our sport should be able to resume. We will all need to modify the way we have worked in the past and accept these changes in a collaborative and constructive way. We're sure that the ingenuity and passion of the sports community will allow us to navigate the essential requirements to keep everyone safe, but at the same time allow our sport to get going again.

## Basic Principles

The guidelines have been established in alignment with government guidance it is understood that this guidance is fluid and can be open to interpretation and also, in the event of a second wave of the virus, the advice may need to be withdrawn or reconsidered

- 1) **Government Legislation** -The BRCA Membership will respect the law and principles of government guidance
- 2) **Respecting Social Distancing** - social distancing is crucial to reducing 'R' and is at the forefront of all restart planning
- 3) **Good Corporate Citizenship** - Positive public perception of our sport is important to ensure cooperation and future growth
- 4) **Respectful to Travel Restrictions** - This plan is respectful that not all UK devolved territories are moving at the same pace
- 5) **Safety, Safety, Safety!** - Safety is a central tenet and front of mind in the execution of this strategy.

## **Important Considerations**

The UK is still in the midst of a healthcare emergency and it is the Government requirement that we closely follow their advice and guidance in order that as a nation the UK can navigate our way through the current crisis situation.

Life should not feel normal at this time and it is unlikely that the sports community can return to how things were for a long period of time.

Notwithstanding that, with the appropriate checks and measures in place, our sport should be able to continue at this time and it is important for the mental health and physical wellbeing of the community that life goes on as much as normal.

The following are important considerations in getting various parts of the sport up and running at the earliest opportunity.

### **1) Variations to Process**

It is likely that systems and processes will need to be modified in order to provide for social distancing with the implementation of some additional checklists and processes.

### **2) Communications**

Flexible communication methods will be required, with an increased emphasis on digital engagement both pre and during the event.

### **3) Social Activities**

The social aspect of our sport is an important part of the sense of community, however it is necessary at these times that these be accommodated within the parameters of government restrictions.

# Guidance for Competitors

Your Club will NOT be operating how it used to, expect to have to Do More prior to the event, expect the event layout to change, expect the pits to change, expect the way you move around to change. in short: - **EXPECT CHANGE.**

## **You MUST Provide: -**

Your Own Hi-Viz Waistcoat for Marshalling.

A pair of Gloves for Marshalling – not latex disposable, ones suitable for working in.

Some disposable Face Masks – to wear where space means Social Distancing can't be done.

A Bottle of Hand Sanitiser.

You **MAY** need to provide a face shield – **IF** Your Club or the Venue asks you to.

## **Highly recommended to have available: -**

A Face Shield – **IF** this isn't mandatory for your club.

Some disposable latex gloves.

Surface Cleaner.

Hand Wipes.

## **Essential: -**

**A good sense of humour** – this is going to be difficult, the way we work at our events has evolved over decades, that's all just bitten the dust and we have to start again, we have to learn how to do what we do, again.

**Patience** – be patient with your Club Officials and Each Other – you'll probably find that within a day you'll find a method that roughly works for your club, but it'll take time and patience and people will get things wrong – be Patient with each other.

**READ the Guidance for Organisers** – You Need to Know what they will be asking you to do.

# Guidance for Organisers

Against the backdrop of the Government guidance it is anticipated that, for the events to be able to be run safely, there will be significant changes required across all facets of the event organisation.

At the current time it is not anticipated that these will change substantially for the immediate future, however this may change upon further clarification or guidance from the government.

The following guidance is not exhaustive; however, we urge that club and event organisers take a conservative approach towards their interpretation of the guidelines in order to protect competitors & officials.

Additional Questions can be asked at 'Contact Us' on [brca.org](http://brca.org)

## Event Entry

We recommend the use of online event administration systems. There should be no requirement for face to face interaction with a driver on the day to process an entry or anything else, pre-payment should be arranged.

Ensure that the entry process emphasises attendance only if well and NOT exhibiting any COVID 19 symptoms.

Licences / Club membership cards must not be physically checked at the event, use remote verification where possible, self-verification where not.

## At the event - Booking In

We recommend this be done remotely, e.g. by the car passing over the loop at the beginning of practice – or similar.

## The Event Officials

PPE requirements in accordance with Government advice. Face masks are required where we can't socially distance outdoors, indoors should be One Person Only in a small space, if that can't be achieved (Race Control?) then Face Shields will be required.

Keep records of people who have had to work in close proximity to each other.

# Guidance for Organisers – cont.

## The Venue in General

You will need to spend some time to determine how to flow people around the venue, do not worry about getting this perfect – just do your best and change it as you see fit, the competitors have been told to expect change.

Communication around the venue will be vital – ensure you can be heard, clearly, across the venue – you will be reminding people of what they need to do.

Build Lots of Time into your first few event schedules, this will probably mean a lot less people than you would normally accommodate.

Build Lots of Space into the event / venue plan, this may also mean less people, but accommodating people safely is much more important.

Make sure you've re-costed the event, you'll have more cost and probably less people, do not be concerned if this means it costs us all a little more – it is to be expected.

It may be worth having some 'PPE Kits' available for the people who arrive ill prepared.

## The Pits

Ensure social distancing can be maintained between competitors in the pits.

Limit numbers to ensure social distancing can be respected.

Maintain social distancing when travelling from pits to track, and back to pits.

Where walkways have a width below the minimum social distance, make one way.

The Pits should be formally laid out – leaving it as a 'free for all' should be avoided as it'll be hard to ensure that social distancing is maintained.

If Competitors use tables and chairs provided by the club, they will need to be disinfected prior to and post the event.

Pay Particular attention to the normal Health & Safety concerns in the Pits – we have more issues in the Pits than we have on the Track and dealing with an injury in the pits is not something we want to be having to do.

Ensure there is not a requirement for Competitors to queue – allow more time to ensure this does not happen.

# Guidance for Organisers – cont.

## Rostrums

Where possible – use separate entrance and exits to the rostrum, if that's not possible then you will need to control the flow of people so people entering are not passing close to people leaving, there should be no requirement to queue.

Unless you have a very large rostrum where social distancing can be maintained then face masks will be mandatory, if the rostrum is particularly small then a face shield may be a consideration but this can generate optical issues so the recommendation is to reduce numbers in a race instead.

*As a rough rule of thumb; – centre line of 1<sup>st</sup> person to centre line of 2<sup>nd</sup> – if this is greater than 1.5m then no PPE is required, under 1.5m then a face mask is mandatory, under 1m than a face shield may be considered to be appropriate if the club deem it so – for example poor ventilation etc.*

## Marshalling

All marshals' posts Must be a minimum of 2m apart and for only 1 person.

All marshals must have their own Hi Viz waistcoat

All marshals must have their own Gloves.

Where possible marshals should access their posts and leave the track in a one-way manner and not have to pass each other.

If the above is Not Possible, then Face Masks will be required.

## Results

Do not display results in an area where they can be handled.

Preferably distribute them over the internet and encourage people to view remotely.

If this isn't possible, then ensure the viewing location allows an easy flow of people.

Remind people not to crowd when viewing results.

Queries to results via Text or Email to race control.

## **Guidance for Organisers – cont.**

### **Drivers Briefing (where required)**

Emailed in advance of the event.

If one HAS to be done at the event – then it MUST be held in a large area with the absolute minimum of people present.

### **Race Control**

MUST Not be accessible by anyone other than the key Officials – if enclosed then this should be One Person if at all possible, if not use PPE appropriate to the space.

There Must be no physical exchange of Paperwork between officials.

### **Catering**

Must be take-away only, preferably without the requirement to go indoors to get it.

Social Distancing must be maintained.

If Possible avoid the use of Cash – or insist on correct change if this is not possible..

### **Indoor Facilities**

MUST not be used – except for toilets.

### **Toilets**

This is a difficult subject to get concise information on.

So we should work to the basic principles – keep social distancing in place.

Provide surface cleaner, hand sanitiser and hand wipes.

Restrict multiple occupancy toilets to ensure social distancing.

# Guidance for Organisers – cont.

## Camping

Camping at the time of writing this document we are advised that it is Ok to camp, in England as of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (The dates for Ireland, Wales & Scotland being spread over the following 2 weeks in all likelihood). But it is not a simple exercise for the club to do, one of the clearest guides we've seen to what is required is linked below.

<https://coolcamping.com/news/304-what-are-the-new-coronavirus-guidelines-for-campsites-and-what-do-they-mean-for-campers>

So, in short, camping is possible – but it's not as straightforward as it was, there will be more for clubs to do and it will take significantly more space.

## Summary

There should be little in this document that comes as a surprise, but hopefully plenty to make you think and that is the main point.

We have to Think about what we're doing.

We have to Plan how we're going to go about it.

We have to expect to have to alter things until we're happy we have something that works

We have to give the time to our fellow racers and officials to allow them to do things differently

We have to be Patient with each other while we all Learn.

And

Do Your Best, simply us all making our best effort to do the best we can to look after each other is all that anybody will ever ask.

## Lastly

**If in Doubt ask – you can always contact the Association via 'Contact Us' or give an official a quick call, none of us will mind as we're all in this together!**