

Covid-19 Update 24th August 2020

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Following further announcements from **National Governments and British Riding Clubs**, TREC GB updated its 'Framework for Restarting Starting Events, now v2.2, and can confirm that from today Affiliated TREC Clubs can operate at the **Step** indicated in your country as given below.

The updated Framework should be used in conjunction with this 'Supporting Guidance' **v2.3** document, the most recent 'Protocol for Events and Competitions' v2.1 and Risk Assessment documentation. All documents are subject to change as National Government updates determine.

The recently updated Risk Assessment v7.0, considering the appropriate measures to take to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19, was produced by Lisa Geer (Grad IOSH, ACIEH) an experienced professional in this field. Lisa has also kindly offered to undertake the checking of Risk Assessments on behalf of TREC GB and where appropriate provide further direct support to organisers. TREC GB Admin will confirm final approval.

Both documents are available in the Members Area of the website.

TREC GB would like to thank Lisa for her invaluable help and support during this difficult time.

It should be noted that the imposition of a 'local lockdown', in an area where an event is due to take place, would result in the event being postponed or cancelled as appropriate.

England: Step 4

Up to 30 people can gather outdoors provided they are isolated in groups of 6 throughout the day of an event or competition. If participants arrive at pre-determined times and leave as soon as they have taken part this allows more than 30 people, in total, to arrive, ride and leave during a day with organisers and helpers being in the 'immediate vicinity', such as around the POR route, MA/PTV areas, and other areas of a venue such as the car park.

Providing there is adequate space at the venue, corralling is possible.

Overnight stays are possible provided only individuals or household groups stay in the same lorry, trailer or tent and as long as these remain within National Government Guidelines.

The Organiser must comply with National Government guidance, and all TREC GB procedures and protocols, to ensure the event is conducted in a COVID-19 safe way. This includes ensuring a suitable Risk Assessment document has been approved and is adhered to during the day.

Recommendations and requirements to support maintaining riders effectively in groups of 6 include-

- Groups arrive at the venue with sufficient time to warm up in a suitably sized defined area.
- Horses can be tied to lorries or trailers only if individual parking sites are identified beforehand or a steward supervises parking. Vehicles can either be 10m apart, if tying on both sides, or 5m apart if tying is only allowed on one side. No horses should be left unattended when tied to lorries or trailers.
- Individual cars must be parked 2m apart.
- Organisers are encouraged to use pre-drawn routes on maps. These can be ordered via TREC Admin from Nicolsons or produced by other means, provided that there is evidence that the licence fee has been paid.
- Level 1 Qualifiers are also allowed using pre-drawn maps but only until the end of the COVID-19 period.
- All Level 1 competitors must be given sight of the pre-drawn map at least 10 minutes before their official start time, be allowed to privately mark up the map if they wish, for example back in their lorry or on their saddlebag and ask clarification questions of an official about the route before they leave.
- It is advised that organisers ensure Level I riders leave the venue on the correct route.
- Individual riders 1-6 leave on the POR route at set intervals wearing large number bibs for easy identification by Check Point Judges. Remember each member of a pair will count towards the total number in a group of six
- A longer gap must be left before rider 7 leaves to support maintaining groups of 6. This should be repeated for riders 14, 21, 28 and so on.
- Check Points require careful siting to ensure adequate room and to ensure they are clearly visible so that riders can easily see if there are 6 people already present. This will also allow CP Judges to note a rider's time of arrival whilst they wait to be invited into the CP.
- Riders should move directly between phases of the event, pausing only to add or remove pieces of equipment such as saddlebags.
- On completion of the event riders should be directed to return to their vehicle and leave the venue as soon as practically possible.

- There must not be a presentation. Provisional and final results should be emailed to competitors.