



AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM COVID-19 ORGANISER GUIDANCE

All parts of the UK have now lifted legal restrictions relating to COVID-19.

The following is based on the official Government guidance.

Sport participation events including calendar events can take place outdoors with no capacity caps for participants, volunteers or spectators. In addition to your usual event organisation processes, you should ensure that you take steps to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of transmission at your events so you can continue to organise events safely.

Risk Assessment

There continues to be a risk of infection from COVID-19 but there is no longer a legal duty to carry out a specific COVID-19 risk assessment.

Nevertheless you should also ensure that people can participate in your event safely. You should consider the best way to approach this for your event.

The way to do this is to include such considerations within the risk assessment, for your event by considering the risks associated with COVID-19 and putting measures in place to reduce any risks you identify.

You should share the outcome of your risk assessment with your volunteers and riders as necessary.

Event Communication

You should consider how you can inform entrants of important information and any changes to processes in advance of the event.

Your communication to entrants should cover the following points:

- Clearly communicate to entrants that they should not take part in your event if they need to self-isolate. The self-isolation rules differ slightly across the UK:
 - England and Scotland- those with symptoms of COVID-19 or respiratory illness are advised to self-isolate until such time as their high temperature (if they had one) drops or they stop feeling unwell.
 - Wales- those who test positive on a lateral flow test should self-isolate until the earlier of 5 days since the test/start of symptoms and recording two consecutive days of negative LFTs or 10 days.
- You should advise entrants to consider their own health and circumstances (for example, if they are not yet fully-vaccinated or they live with somebody vulnerable), so they can make an informed choice about whether they wish to participate. You should set out the safety measures you have put in place, and how you will mitigate any specific risks associated with your event. For example, you could advise participants that you are following AUK's guidance and of any safety measures you are putting in place.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer required by law.

Your volunteers may choose to wear a face covering, particularly if they are likely to come into contact with a lot of people during the event. You should support them in doing so.

Consider recommending the use of face coverings by volunteers, riders and spectators as a safety measure, in enclosed and crowded spaces where they may come into contact with people they don't normally meet. When deciding whether you will ask people to face coverings:

- You should not ask people to wear face coverings while taking part in any strenuous activity or sport.
- Remember that some people are not able to wear face coverings, and the reasons for this may not be visible to others. Please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances. Be aware that face coverings may make it harder to communicate with people who rely on lip reading, facial expressions and clear sound.

- If a facility or venue you are using as a control recommends the use of face coverings (when not participating in sport or physical activity), ensure this is communicated to your staff and participants.

Hygiene

You should continue to follow good hygiene practices, to reduce the risk of transmission.

Ensure that there is sufficient access to toilet facilities and that they are well-ventilated and frequently cleaned.

Consider how best to provide refreshments for the event. Water bottles or other refreshment containers should not be shared between participants.

Provide hand sanitiser and wipes at the event, particularly at entry points and around any food/refreshment areas. Entrants should also be encouraged to bring their own.

Workplace/Event Guidelines

As an event organiser, you owe a duty of care to your volunteers and other participants. There is no longer any COVID-19 specific legislation applying in this respect but each part of the UK has its own guidance and you should familiarise yourself with that applying to your event:

<https://gov.wales/public-health-advice-employers-businesses-and-organisations-coronavirus-html>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-general-guidance-for-safer-workplaces/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reducing-the-spread-of-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19-in-the-workplace>

Government guidance takes precedence over this guidance. If Government guidance changes at any time, it must be followed with immediate effect