



Organised Sports in Tier 4 – Group Sessions for Juniors Covid-19 - NOTICE

Authorisation/information for a Structured Coached Session

This Session has gathering of **more than two persons and is Permitted** because

- ✓ The session is a Structured & Organised Club Activity, run by Club Coaches
- ✓ The session is for those aged under 18
- ✓ The session is taking place in an outdoor place (that is not a private dwelling)

Purpose of this Document

What is/is not permitted during Covid-19 restrictions has been changed a number of times, and Longridge Canoe Club recognises that this may give rise to confusion around public perceptions of what is happening.

- This Notice officially explains the current legal status that permits **group** sessions for under 18s.
- The Session Coach (or session official) will direct any persons to this Notice, where that person or persons question how/why the session can take place.
- The Session Coach (or session official) will not enter into any face-to-face debate or confrontational conversation, this Notice is intended to present the full and factual situation.

The legislation

This Notice is specific to the following legislation

- **Statutory Instrument 2020 No.1611 Public Health, England The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers and Obligations of Undertakings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**
- **Regulation 8(4)(g) Schedule 3A – Tier 4 Restrictions**

Part 1 Restrictions on Movement

Restrictions on leaving home

1.—(1) No person [P] who lives in the Tier 4 area may leave or be outside of the place where they are living **without reasonable excuse**.

A **reasonable excuse** is given as: *Exception 14: permitted outdoor sports gathering*

Part 1 - 2 — (19) Exception 14 is that it is reasonably necessary for P to leave or be outside P's home for the purposes of taking part in an outdoor sports gathering for persons who have a disability, or are aged under 18 or were under 18 on 31st August 2020, are not elite sportspersons and are taking part in any sport or fitness related activity and—

Part 2 Restrictions on Gatherings

Participation in gathering outdoors

4.—(1) No person may participate in a gathering in the Tier 4 area which

(b) takes place in any [other] outdoor place and consists of two or more people

(3) **Sub-paragraph (1)(b) does not apply** if exception 8 applies.

8.—(1) This exception is that the person concerned is taking part in an outdoor sports gathering for persons who have a disability, are aged under 18 or were under 18 on 31st August 2020, are not elite sportspersons and are taking part in any sport or fitness related activity that—

- (a) is organised by a business, charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body
- (b) takes place in an outdoor place other than a private dwelling, and
- (c) in respect of which the organiser or manager takes the required precautions.

For the purpose of Part 1 and Part 2 a person taking part in an outdoor sports gathering does **not** include a spectator or the parent of a child taking part in the gathering.

British Canoeing Affiliated Club

Paddle Sport activity, of the type that participants are involved, is recognised as a sport & activity for which British Canoeing is recognised as the National Governing Body.

Longridge Canoe Club is an Affiliated Club with British Canoeing. The Club is therefore recognised as an organisation within the definition of a business, charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution.

The Club is implementing and following the guidance of British Canoeing, which says: *"[its] guidance provides information for individual paddlers, leaders, coaches and all providers of paddling activity, including but not limited to clubs, centres, providers and event organisers who deliver 'structured and organised activity' and as such will not be subjected to national Covid-19 limits on numbers."*

The Session Coach or the Club will hold documentation required to be in place and meeting the requirements of British Canoeing to be a structured and organised activity. It is NOT intended to include in this Notice what other documentation is in place – that is not within the scope of information relevant to the public or observers.

IMPORTANT – If you have requested or been provided with this Notice it is because you have expressed concerns about the application of restrictions under Covid-19 – therefore be aware of the following:-

- If there is any doubt or debate about anything contained in this 'Notice', by any person observing the Club session, then they should
 - research the legislation further, and/or
 - contact the Club at info@longridgecanoecub.org.uk, and/or
 - contact British Canoeing for guidance, and/or
 - refer their concerns to any appropriate authority.In that event the Club will fully engage in an appropriate way.
- The Session Coach (or session official) will confirm to you that they are acting in the official capacity & knowledge of the Club; and they will provide to you their first name (which will be identifiable by the Club), and may (at their discretion) also provide their family/surname name.
- We reiterate, the Session Coach (or session official) is not going to enter into any further debate or confrontational conversation with you.
- The Session Coach (or session official) will not tolerate any abusive or aggressive or intimidating behaviour and any such or similar behaviours may be reported to an appropriate authority, including the police.
- Under no circumstances will the Session Coach (or session official) permit unauthorised photography or video to be taken of them or the juniors in a group, such action will be regarded as intimidating and actioned as above.
- This document presents the full and factual situation as we understand them to be according to the Government's and British Canoeing's publications.