



ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION

COVID-19

GUIDANCE FOR AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

PIGEON SHOWS

Introduction

The following guidance document, which has been produced in line with the Government's COVID19 Directives and Guidance, will aid Clubs in making final preparations so that they can ensure that they are able to comply with the conditions associated with being allowed to organise a show.

The content of this guidance document is based on the information available as at 28th September 2020. Organisations should keep up to date with any changes to restrictions both nationally and locally.

Before planning or carrying out a show the organisation should firstly contact their Local Environmental Health Authority. If the show is held in a business premises such as a pub/club or community centre you should also contact the owners.

Under no circumstances should you organise a show without firstly approaching and obtaining permission from your local Environmental Health Officer (EHO). Please visit your local Authorities website for the relevant contact details

With regards to conditions on the number of people allowed to participate the Government have stated that for Indoor Sports facilities gatherings of groups of up to 6 people can take place so long as the activity and venue are COVID-19 Secure. This means group socialising within the venue should be no more than 6 and there should be no more than 30 people.

Organisations will need to ensure that systems are in place to ensure that exhibitors are 2 metres socially distanced throughout the show.

This guidance will not include the safe operation of a bar or supply of food. If your premises supply such a service you will be required to ensure you are doing so within the provision of the law and covid-19 guidance.

Risk Assessment

The organisations management need to critically review and fully complete a COVID-19 risk assessment. This should include how they will manage social distancing, hygiene measures in order to mitigate risk of transmission.

This risk assessment should be continually reviewed and updated.

The Premises

Many organisations will carry out shows within business premises such as Clubs, Pubs and Community Centres and should follow the instructions of the business owner/s. Such premises will have their own protocols and measures in place.

The following is a minimal list of requirements. Discussions with the EHO should include the content of this document. The local EHO may conclude that further guidance/requirements are applicable and these should be strictly implemented and managed.

Wherever possible one door should be used for entry and another door for exit

If this is not possible then place 2m distance markings outside and inside to aid adherence to the social distancing requirement.

Provide exhibitors with penning times to assist with social distancing and reduce the number of people gathering. All entrants should be made in advance.

Place a sign at the entrance informing members that if they have any of the symptoms listed e.g. persistent dry cough, temperature, loss of taste & smell that they should not enter the building.

The maximum number of people per table is 6 and they are not to socialise with other tables, even if they know them.

The Government on Friday 21st August 2020 made the wearing of a face covering mandatory in Indoor Sports Stadiums. As a result, any person entering a show venue will need to wear a face covering at all times, until they leave the premises.

Once in the venue individuals would only be permitted to remove the face covering while confined to their social area i.e. table of 6.

Hygiene

Place hand sanitisers at the entrance, exit and in or outside the toilets and prominent places including tables.

Place signage to remind people to wash their hands.

Keep all internal doors open to limit the number of people touching the handles / push panels.

Fire doors will need to remain closed, unless they have a specific fire safety retainer fitted.

Implement a cleaning / disinfectant schedule pre, during and post opening.

In preparation of a member / visitor having coronavirus you should add to your plans what needs to occur as a result: -

Keep a list of names & contacts for 21 days which can be provided to NHS Track and Trace.

Please refer to the following link for GDPR requirements:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/data-protection-and-coronavirus-information-hub/contact-tracing-protecting-customer-and-visitor-details/>

Closure of the facility until a 'deep clean', preferably by a specialist contractor, has been completed. Please refer to the specific link in the Key Reference Section.

Ventilation of the venue is an important part of mitigating against the transmission of COVID-19.

Ventilation into the building should ensure a fresh air supply is provided to all areas of use.

The Government, to mitigate the COVID-19 risk are recommending a 100% fresh air supply of 20 litres per person per second.

The fewer exhibitors on the venue the higher the fresh air supply will be.

Please check with your heating / air conditioning engineers or advisers to review your current installation.

The HSE advise that the risk of air conditioning spreading the coronavirus is very low. They do add that if you use a centralised ventilation system that removes and circulates air to different rooms it is recommended that you turn off recirculation and use fresh air supply.

You do not need to adjust other types of air conditioning systems.

Clubs are required to display Official NHS QR Code Posters, under law, for the NHS COVID-19 app. To create your unique venue poster please visit the following website address: -

<https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>

Payment

All fees should ideally be paid by debit / credit cards. If this facility is not available, then investigate how it can be implemented. This could assist payments in the future.

If not feasible then for cash payments, consider rounding up or down the fee to limit number of coins required and have a box at reception which the exhibitor/visitor can show the steward the correct amount and deposit. This can be dealt with later by the staff / volunteer wearing disposable gloves.

Pen set up

Ideally Volunteers/staff should be allocated their own area for set up and do so alone.

The amount of volunteers and staff present during set up should not be more than 6.

PPE equipment should be provided and used.

Code of Practice for Pigeon Gatherings

Organisers are also reminded of the legal requirements associated with a bird gathering. Details can be found here <https://www.rpra.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Al-Pigeons-Code-of-Practice-0719.pdf>

Shows should not go ahead unless these requirements are met.

Other Helpful Links and References

Department of Culture, Media & Leisure -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) what has changed – 22nd September 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-what-has-changed-22-september>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Guidance for Bars & Restaurants -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/restaurants-offering-takeaway-or-delivery>

Guidance for Face Coverings

Section 7 of <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities>

NHS Test and Trace

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

GDPR – Contact Testing – protecting customer and visitor details

Health & Safety - <https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/work/health-safety-at-work>

www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/legionella-risks-during-coronavirus-outbreak.htm

<https://www.cibse.org/coronavirus-covid-19/emerging-from-lockdown>

Risk Assessment

https://learn.sportenglandclubmatters.com/pluginfile.php/31273/mod_resource/content/2/Club%20Matter

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/assessment.htm>

Cleaning

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

Card machine options - <https://www.mobiletransaction.org/card-machine-small-business-uk/>