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**FINAL DRAFT FOR INDUSTRY CONSULTATION 05/06/2020**

**Level 2 guidance for businesses that provide outdoor sport and recreation facilities and services**

**WHO DOES THIS GUIDANCE APPLY TO & SCOPE**

This is guidance for businesses or clubs that operate outdoor sport or recreation facilities and / or provide outdoor activity services (‘outdoor activity businesses’). It supports outdoor activity businesses in identifying how they can adapt their practices to significantly increase safety for staff, volunteers and customers / users in the face of COVID-19.

This guidance applies to all businesses / venues below or similar organisations that operate outdoor sport and recreation facilities and / or provide outdoor activity services, some of these could already open at Level 3:

* **Outdoor sport or recreational facilities** - e.g. a mini-golf facility, tennis courts, a lawn bowling green, an equestrian centre or horse-riding school, a shooting range, a surfing school
* **Companies offering outdoor recreation services** – such as outdoor activity equipment hire services, land-based tours (e.g. walking tours) and boat tour services (where vessels can maintain physical distancing between people who do not live together)
* **Businesses offering training/tuition in activities or that can be conducted outdoors** – for example lower risk activities that, with planning, can take place with participants and instructors maintaining a distance of two metres from each other, e.g. outdoor yoga/Pilates classes and personal training
* **Outdoor swimming pools** - changing facilities and showers should remain closed
* **Outdoor play areas, outdoor gyms, skate parks –** users will be encouraged to take extra responsibility for ensuring their own hand hygiene when using equipment with multiple users and touch points like children’s playground equipment and outdoor public gym equipment and ensuring physical distancing.
* **The outdoor aspects of after school clubs are permissible** - provided that both the guidelines given here and the guidance for schools is followed INSERT HYPERLINK

**GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR OPENING AT LEVEL 2**

This guidance is in addition to the [general guidance](https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/BusinessAndEmployment/Pages/CoronavirusBusinessAdvice.aspx#SafeExitAdvice) that applies to all businesses opening at the current time. The guidance covers general hygiene, looking after your staff, physical distancing and how you can safely take payments that should be followed when preparing your plan to resume business activity.

A managed continued return to outdoor activity, whilst ensuring that public health measures are maintained, will benefit both mental and physical wellbeing. However, the safety of users, staff, volunteers and their families remains the absolute priority.

If a business cannot follow the general public health guidance it should not open (INSERT HYPERLINK).

Of particular importance is that users must be able to maintain a two metre physical distance from others that they do not live with. This may mean that venues have to open at reduced capacity.

Outdoor recreational activities should only open where it is possible to frequently clean regular touch points.

Equipment should be the user's own wherever possible and if equipment is shared it should be disinfected between use by different users.

Jersey Sport is here to help and further information is available on their website (INSERT hyperlink to Jersey Sport)

**PREPARING TO RESUME OUTDOOR SPORT AND RECREATION BUSINESS AT LEVEL 2**

Undertake a risk assessment and put a plan in place. In developing a specific plan for your setting consider:

* Preparing and implementing plans, processes and systems to meet Government and public health requirements, and provide safe outdoor sport and recreational environments
* Ensuring safe facility and participant practices, like hygiene practices and limiting shared equipment as much as possible
* Being prepared for the management of an individual with COVID-19 symptoms
* Where premises have remained closed during the lockdown period, appropriate health and safety checks should be conducted prior to reopening. This includes being Legionella aware; if your premises have been completely closed make sure you’ve taken all necessary steps to flush your hot and cold water systems including, all hot and cold water taps, shower heads, other known deadheads as identified in your legionella plan. INSERT hyperlink
* If you opt to open your building for access to toilets and through-ways, there are a number of things you can do to help minimise risks and avoid accidental gatherings INSERT hyperlink
* Consider how you will administer first aid in the case of an accident LINK TO FRST AID GUIDANCE

Islanders can spend time outdoors undertaking ‘controlled’ events like structured / organised sports, community and group activities with a maximum of up to 40 people in attendance at one time (insert link to gatherings guidance). Organisers should plan their activities with this upper attendance limit in mind.

It is important to engage your staff and volunteers in how to reduce the risk. Their involvement and commitment will be key to reducing risk for everyone. Before a setting opens, staff / volunteers will need to understand how to minimise the risk of the spread of COVID-19 INSERT hyperlink and where appropriate be provided with training.

**SECTOR SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS**

Some businesses / facilities cannot open at Level 2 – these are:

**Changing rooms / shower facilities** – They should not open as they are considered higher risk areas for virus transmission. This is because of the difficulties in physically distancing multiple users and the challenge of sufficiently disinfecting these areas between users.

Toilets or other areas must not be allowed to become used as changing rooms.

In sports and recreational settings patrons should be encouraged to arrive in their kit ready to participate and then shower and change their clothing at home.

There is separate guidance for indoor sport and recreation businesses.

**Indoor areas associated with recreational and sporting venues**

As at Level 3, the outdoor areas of heritage sites and the gardens associated with such attractions can continue to be enjoyed. The indoor areas of many such venues are now able to re-open in line with specific guidance depending on their function. For example:

* **Food outlets / club houses** – may offer alfresco or indoor seating in compliance with the guidance INSERT HYPERLINK TO FOOD
* **Retail** – shops associated with leisure facilities and attractions must comply with the appropriate guidance INSERT HYPERLINK TO RETAIL
* **Office and administrative spaces** - these must comply with the guidance for indoor workplaces INSERT HYPERLINK TO INDOOR WORKPLACES
* **Toilets** – INSERT HYPERLINK TO TOILETS. Toilets must not be allowed to be used as changing rooms
* **Other indoor spaces** -should be risk assessed in terms of adequate ventilation of fresh air before allowing public access. Particular attention should be paid to any H&S requirements and risk assessment that a business, club or organisation might ordinarily undertake. Furthermore, the guidance regarding indoor businesses (insert hyperlink) must also be followed.