**This guidance sets out information for the public and providers on how to participate in skateboarding in England during COVID restrictions.**

**The government has published the** [COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021) **setting out the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England. This explains how the government intends to ease restrictions over time.**   
  
**This document has been complied by Skateboard GB in consultation with DCMS and Sport England, it includes changes to restrictions for step 2, which come into effect on 12 April. It will be updated ahead of further steps, which are set out in the** [roadmap](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021)**.**

This guidance sets out information for the public and sport providers on how to participate in grassroots sport and physical activity during COVID-19 restrictions. Sport providers should use this guidance to inform how they provide grassroots sport and physical activity, alongside any other specific guidance for their sport set out previously by Skateboard GB.

**Participation in Skateboarding in England for Step 2 from 12 April 2021**

**OUTDOOR SKATEBOARDING**

**Outdoors social contact and gathering limits:**

People can meet and skateboard outdoors in groups of up to 6 people, or as a group of 2 households. A group made up of 2 households can include more than 6 people, but only where all members of the group are from the same 2 households (each household can include an existing support bubble, if eligible), or an exemption applies. Social distancing should be maintained between people who do not live together or share a bubble.

**Informal outdoor skateboarding**

**When not taking part in organised skateboarding, people must adhere to the rules on social contact.** People can meet outdoors in groups of up to 6 people, or as a group of 2 households.

**Organised outdoor skateboarding sessions**

**Organised outdoor sport for adults and children is permitted with any number of participants, where it is formally organised** (for example, by a national governing body, business or charity) and follows COVID-secure guidance. This applies to organised outdoor (individual and team) sports, outdoor exercise classes, organised sports participation events and outdoor licensed physical activity.

**Activities for children (those who were under 18 on 31 August 2020):** All children can take part in outdoor childcare and supervised activities, including skateboarding and physical activity, which can take place in any number.

**Participants should maintain social distancing when not actively participating** (e.g. during breaks, or when awaiting to take part). Social interaction before and after playing any sport should only take place outdoors, and in separate and distinct groups consisting of up to 6 people or two households.

**When not taking part in organised skateboarding, people using your facility must adhere to the rules on social contact.** Outdoors, people can meet in groups of up to 6 people, or 2 households. When using indoor facilities such as toilets, should not mix with others they do not live with (or share a relevant bubble with) indoors, unless an exemption applies.

**Personal 1-2-1 coaching is permitted outdoors,** in outdoor skateparks, and in private gardens, where it is formally organised and follows COVID-secure guidance.

**Parent and child sessions** **can also take place outdoors with a limit of 15 attendees** (children under five years of age do not count towards the attendee limit.)

**Organised sport participation events**

**Organised sport participation events such as competitions can take place outdoors and are exempt from legal gathering limits.** However they must follow the measures for organised sport participation events set out in the [guidance on safe provision of grassroots sport](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-grassroots-sports-guidance-for-safe-provision-including-team-sport-contact-combat-sport-and-organised-sport-events).

**Outdoor sport facilities**

**Outdoor sport facilities can open to the public.** This applies to all outdoor sport facilities, including skateparks, outdoor gyms, swimming pools, courts, pitches, golf courses (including mini-golf), water sports venues, climbing walls, driving and shooting ranges, riding arenas at riding centres and archery venues.

**Changing rooms can open but their use should be minimised.** Changing rooms are areas of increased risk, so you should shower and change at home where possible. If you do need to use changing rooms, you should minimise time spent inside.

**Travelling for sport**

People should minimise travel and avoid making unnecessary journeys (for example, by combining their trips where possible). From 12 April, domestic overnight stays are permitted in certain types of accommodation, within a household or support/childcare bubble.

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**INDOOR SKATEBOARDING**

**Indoors social contact and gathering limits:**

Indoors, people are not permitted to meet others they do not live with, including for skateboarding (unless an exemption applies). You can find more information in the [coronavirus restrictions guidance](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do).

**Indoor sport facilities**

**From 12 April, indoor sport facilities can open to the public.** This applies to most indoor sport and physical activity facilities, including skateparks, gyms and leisure centres, sport courts and pitches, dance studios and fitness studios, climbing walls and climbing wall centres, multi-sport facilities (including driving ranges, archery venues and indoor riding centres) and swimming pools.

**Guests using your facility must adhere to the rules on social contact.** People should not mix with others they do not live with (or share a relevant bubble with) indoors, unless an exemption applies.

**Changing rooms can open but their use should be minimised.** Changing rooms are areas of increased risk, so you should shower and change at home where possible. If you do need to use changing rooms, you should minimise time spent inside.

**Indoor skateparks can only be used for adult individual activity or for activities by people from the same household (or support/childcare bubble).** Group sessions, activities and skateboarding classes are not otherwise permitted for adults. However, there could be more than one separate session taking place in a facility provided it follows the [facility guidance](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities) (100sq ft per person) and the separate groups do not interact before, during or after the session.

**All children can take part in indoor childcare and supervised activities,** including sport and physical activity subject to restrictions on size of group as set out in the [out-of-school settings guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#considering-group-sizes) which limits group size to 15 participants.

**From 12 April, 1-2-1 coaching can take place at indoor skateparks).** Indoor personal coaching can be provided on a 1-2-1 basis to individuals, or to household groups (or relevant bubbles, where eligible). Social distancing should be maintained between coaches and participants at all times.

**Mixed age sessions are not permitted.** Adults should not take part in sessions that include children. Children should not take part in sessions that include adults.

**Parent and child sessions** **can take place indoors with a limit of 15 attendees** (children under five years of age do not count towards the attendee limit.)

**Facilities must follow the**[**guidance for sport facilities**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities), which set out measures on test & trace, cleaning as well as capacity limits and ventilation requirements.

**Face coverings**. People are not required to wear face coverings while taking part in sport and physical activity. All forms of face coverings may restrict breathing efficiency and should not be used during exercise except on specific advice from a physician. Visitors are not required to wear face coverings in skateparks, however they should be encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public areas when not engaging in skateboarding or physical activity.

**Spectators**

**Spectators are not permitted to attend sporting & physical activity events or sessions taking place indoors or outdoors.** However, where it is necessary for them to enable the activity to take place they would be permitted, i.e. specific safeguarding responsibilities for an U18 activity, or providing care or assistance to a person with disabilities participating in an organised sporting event or activity. They should maintain social distance and not mix with other households.

**Travelling for sport**

People should minimise travel and avoid making unnecessary journeys (for example, by combining their trips where possible). From 12 April, domestic overnight stays are permitted in certain types of accommodation, within a household or support/childcare bubble.

**People with disabilities**

People with disabilities can use indoor facilities for individual fitness activities as well as organised sport in any number. This does not have to be between people from the same household. Non-disabled people are not permitted to participate, except where necessary to enable the sport to take place (such as a carer or coach helping the disabled person to participate).