



## **Return to play with Covid-19: Frequently asked questions**

### **September 2020**

#### **Do we have to wear masks?**

Masks are not required by law, but they are recommended by QuidditchUK for training.

#### **When can we play contact again?**

Limited contact will be allowed when we move onto Stage 2 of our roadmap. This will be based on falling cases and relaxed social distancing recommendations from the national government.

#### **When can we have friendlies again?**

When we move to Stage 3 of our roadmap. The relevant government must be allowing gatherings of up to around 40 people, or we must have acquired sport-specific exemption.

#### **What should I do if I get Covid-19 symptoms after training?**

Notify your club leaders as quickly as possible. Your club leaders should distribute that information around the rest of the players.

#### **What should I do if I have Covid-19 symptoms before training?**

Under no circumstances should you attend training if you have had Covid-19 symptoms, or tested positive for Covid-19, in the last 14 days.

### **What is your advice based on?**

QuidditchUK's advice for clubs is based on the government guidance and legislation about public gatherings. This means that quidditch training is treated the same as any other gathering under the law, such as picnics or going for a walk.

### **Why don't we have sport-specific guidance?**

For sport-specific guidance to be approved, you need to submit an action plan to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport. This is generally restricted to sports or NGBs which are recognised by Sport England. We do not have this recognition, but we are trying to lobby to be allowed to submit an action plan which will give us sport-specific exemption to Covid-19 guidance.

### **What about in Scotland and Wales?**

They have a similar procedure. You need to apply for sport-specific exemption to the relevant government. We are not recognised by Sportscotland or Sport Wales, so the same barrier applies.

### **I see big gatherings and people not socially distancing all the time - it seems strange that we can't train normally.**

QuidditchUK has a responsibility, both as a legal entity and as a national governing body, to make recommendations which keep you safe. Our advice must be consistent with the government's recommendations, and mitigate risk in the specific context of quidditch. Private individuals' decisions about risk-taking don't change our responsibility to you or to the law.

### **Can we run university taster sessions?**

University taster sessions can be run using the same guidance as given for trainings. If the guidance from the relevant university differs from QuidditchUK's advice, follow the guidance from the university. If your team is affiliated with multiple universities, follow the stricter guidance.

### **Can we train in areas under local lockdown?**

We do not recommend holding trainings in areas under local lockdown, even where this is legally permitted. However, local lockdowns are a complicated area as the local authorities make different rules about travel and gatherings. Always check the recommendations from the relevant local authority, and obey their guidance over QuidditchUK's. If you're not sure about how a local

lockdown applies to you, email [secretary@quidditchuk.org](mailto:secretary@quidditchuk.org) and we'll be happy to help you!

**Can I travel to training from areas under local lockdown?**

As above, you should always follow the local authority's guidance first. As a broad rule, we do not recommend getting public transport from an area under local lockdown to train.