

Kendo Bu Statement - September 2

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We hope that everyone is keeping fit and well.

As you will be aware the government has made a further announcement regarding COVID 19 restrictions this week. As far as we are able to ascertain our guidance is still relevant and appropriate except that our recommendation that larger dojos/groups split into smaller contact groups for training needs to be amended to place a limit of 6 on these smaller groups. We will reissue the updated guidelines this week.

In addition, we must be sure to respect the concerns of the venues that we train in and cooperate fully with any additional requirements they may have.

UK GOV guidance:

Organised outdoor sport or licensed outdoor physical activity, and supervised sporting activity (indoors or outdoors) for under-18s can still go ahead. Organised indoor sport or exercise classes can take place in larger numbers than 6 provided groups of more than 6 do not mix. Organised indoor team sports for disabled people can take place in any number.

It is also explicitly stated that organised indoor and outdoor sports can continue to take place in numbers greater than 6 providing contact groups are managed and kept to 6 or less.

Sources of Government Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities#section-4-6>

In light of this change you may wish to renew and update your dojo/group's training plan and Risk assessment documentation.

<https://www.britishkendoassociation.com/resources/>

Hoping for your continued cautious, safe and successful training...

The BU Team