



# Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

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Dear Mr Hanson,

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 September, enquiring about guidance for your Hash House Harriers events. I am replying from the Ministerial Support Team.

As I'm sure you are aware, there is now guidance from the government which states that, 'when meeting friends and family you do not live with you must not meet in a group of more than 6, indoors or outdoors'. This guidance is available here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing).

As of Monday 14 September, it is an offence for a person to participate in a gathering of more than 6 people. Events organisers should therefore ensure that any groups at their event comprise of no more than 6 people, that separate groups do not intermingle, and that social distancing is in place between groups and between people who are not part of the same household or support bubble.

There is an exemption to the 'rule-of-6' which may be relevant to your club. You would be advised to consult the government's, FAQs page for more information. This is available here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do).

According to this guidance:

*Adults can continue to take part in outdoor organised sport and licensed physical outdoor activity in groups of more than six, provided it is organised by a national governing body, club, registered instructor/coach, business or charity; and/or involve someone who has received an official licence to use equipment relevant to the activity.*

Do note that:

*When participating in any exempted activity like this, you must not mingle in groups of more than 6 before and after the activity. You should always ensure you socially distance from people you do not live with (or have formed a support bubble with) wherever possible.*

Organised Sport and Physical Activity events are allowed provided they follow guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England. Available here:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation).

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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