

Key Principles

- All persons on any Event site to adhere to PHE & HMG guidance and advice on Social Distancing Measures (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>) and any direct guidance for sport resumption.
- The Roles and Responsibilities of the fence judge and the process you use for judging remain unchanged.
- The instructions to Fence Judges booklet continues to serve as your bible with some additions and enhancements as a result of the Covid-19 situation, outlined in this document
- An online Fence Judging briefing will be available to you via your event organiser or through the BE Website, as well as any specific event briefing via your radio
- **Please stay at home if:**
- You have any symptoms of coronavirus (high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss/change to your sense of smell or taste).
- You're waiting for a coronavirus test result or have tested positive and have coronavirus.
- You live with someone who has symptoms, is waiting for a test result or has tested positive
- **Follow the latest advice at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>**



Equipment Collection

Collection of your equipment at the start of your day may be a different process from event to event.

Please check with your event organiser or fence judge coordinator how this process is going to work before you arrive on venue.

If you have a whistle please bring it with you



Briefing

Please ensure that you have watched the **online briefing**, via the link provided by your event organiser or through the BE website

Your BE TA will give a briefing via the radio on the morning of competition with any event specific information and the usual timetable overview and course changes.



Scoring

The process of completing your Scorebook remains unchanged. There will be **NO** score collection of XC sheets from fence judges. We ask you to keep hold of the books and return at the end of the day with any equipment.

If you have to record penalties for a competitor please give a brief description of the penalty to aid in any queries or objections e.g. Ran out to the left, Step backwards at the ditch



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Radio Reporting



In the absence of any score collection, radio operation and protocol is of the utmost importance.

Your radio reporting on competitors at your fence should continue as you have been briefed by control.

The reporting of penalties will be recorded by a scorer listening on the fence radio net. Please ensure penalties are communicated clearly and if in doubt please repeat. Please refrain from long winded colorful descriptions of your competitors.



Assisting Competitors

Part of your role as a Fence Judge is to offer assistance to a rider at your fence in certain situations e.g. Handing back a whip or catching a horse that has become loose after a fall.

It may be difficult, in these type of situations, to maintain a safe Social Distance. If you feel that you can do safely, please wear appropriate PPE like gloves and a mask and wash/sanitise your hands after.

It would be prudent to communicate with the rider during such a circumstance to remind them of the Social Distancing Protocols



Emergency Situations

Medical- In an emergency situation at your fence, requiring medical assistance, please refrain where possible from assisting the rider, but wait for the doctors and paramedics to arrive.

Talking and reassuring the rider is important and in a situation where your Social Distancing may be compromised please wear your appropriate PPE.

Veterinary – In a situation where the horse requires treatment and your assistance involves compromising your social distance please wear your appropriate PPE

Screens- In the event emergency screens are needed to shield a situation, please wear gloves and mask if having to handle screens

Please ensure you wash or sanitise your hands after any situation.



Social Media

More than ever before our sport will be in the spotlight resuming after the long period of shutdown due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

We ask that any posts or comments on Social Media platforms are appropriate and reflect the extensive protocols that are in place to keep all our competitors and volunteers safe.