

We are all aware of just how seriously the Government is taking the threat of Covid-19. Some may feel that the advice does not go far enough, whilst others feel that it may be an excessive reaction to the threat given that our sport generally takes place in the open air. BKFA has taken advice from Howden's, our insurance provider, and takes note of the Government advice on Covid-19.

It is clear that the COVID-19 situation is developing rapidly in the UK and members should keep themselves updated on current government and NHS advice. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> for the latest information.

Members are advised to follow the precautions provided by the NHS at all times details of which you can find here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Kite Flying in the club environment

In general terms kite flying represents a low risk activity due to the predominantly outdoor nature of the activity and the opportunity to maintain inter-personal separation.

At this time, and subject to any updated government advice/instruction, for those who are not unwell there is little reason to curtail outdoor kite flying activities in the club environment. The well-being benefits provided by kite flying should be balanced by the potential risk and NHS precautions should be followed. This is supported by Howdens who have advised that, "At this stage as long as you are following the government advice I don't see there will be an issue. If they [*the Government*] stop all activities, indoor or out, you will have to cease any events going forward." If the UK adopts the measures in, for example, Spain, then even individual kite flying will need to stop.

While there is little reason to curtail normal outdoor flying activities, all indoor activities including meetings and workshops should stop immediately in line with Government advice.

Important note:- Please stay at home and do not attend flying sessions, events, contests or meetings if:

- **you have been in contact with a COVID-19 patient**
- **you are unwell, with a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough**
- **you have serious underlying health issues**