

BKFA advice on COVID-19 (issued 31 March 2020)

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 while exercising outdoors as an individual, though bear in mind that the driving of an excessive distance to a place of daily exercise is discouraged. The well-being benefits provided by kite flying should be balanced by the potential risk and NHS precautions should be followed. However, it is no longer lawful for club events to take place even if they are not public and they will not be insured. If the UK adopts the measures in, for example, Spain, then even individual kite flying will need to stop.

In addition, all indoor activities including meetings and workshops should stop immediately in line with Government advice.

Remember:- Please stay at home and do not go out 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**