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Since the announcement of the new government tiers, we have been working to put together guidance on how this impacts the return to play of our sport. At the time of posting there are still a number of points that we are waiting on further clarification on from Sport England and DCMS.

We are however, well aware that coaches are in need of guidance as national lockdown is lifted today.

Below you will find our interpretation of the Tiers and our guidance at this time. If however, this is in contradiction with any further information from Sport England or the DCMS when it comes, this may be adjusted at a later date.

We must also point out that there is strong reference to the fact that sports that are seen to repeatedly operate outside of the guidance from the government, Sport England and SportCheer England, are at risk of having their RTP approval revoked. We urge everyone to follow the guidance and if at all unclear on how it impacts you to seek advice from us. It would be devastating for the sport if approval was removed.

We have included in this post the RTP Road Map chart however, please remember that you can find the full SCE RTP document referenced below at the following page of our website and you should revisit the full RTP Road Map details included in that document as well as the table, which is not a stand alone guide:

<https://sportcheerengland.org/return-to-play>

### **If you are in Tier 3:**

**Under 18's**, disability sport and sport in an educational setting can return to Cheerleading at Level 3 (no contact) on the SCE RTP Document, unless we receive further direction from Sport England regarding further exemptions for sports with approved RTPs in addition to the current exemptions which relate to group sizes.

### **TRAVEL:**

In Tier 3 areas you are advised not to travel into or out of Tier 3 areas, including for sport. However, travel is permitted where it is necessary to enable Cheerleading for disabled people, sport for educational purposes, or supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, to take place, but should still be minimised and kept to short distances only.

### **CLASS SIZES:**

For athletes aged under 18 (where restrictions on what they are allowed to do are less), it is our understanding that if you are unable to ensure that classes are made up of the same athletes as their classes at school, your maximum training class size should be 15 athletes, inline with the OOS setting guidance which now specifies after school or weekend sports clubs fall under this category. If your venue allows in terms of space and ventilation etc you would be able to run multiple separate groups of 15 at one time. We are seeking clarification as to whether this applies to all clubs.

In all Tiers and for all ages and groups of athletes, clubs need to ensure that athletes as well as parents/guardians bringing athletes to and from training, are abiding by social distancing and government rules at all times.

**FACE MASKS/COVERINGS - EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:**

In the latest guidance released by the government last night, it states that face masks/coverings SHOULD NOT be worn during physical activity. We shall be adjusting our RTP accordingly and clubs should update their policies and risk assessments to reflect this.

Once we receive clarification on the outstanding queries surrounding the Tier system and its implications for Cheerleading we will release further information.