

British Orienteering Roadmap (England)

1. The government (England) have committed to a four-step [Roadmap](#) to offer a route back to a more normal life.
2. The government have made it clear that these dates and measures are provisional and that they will only make the next step when it is safe to do so.
3. It is recognised that when planning events, British Orienteering clubs need direction and clear guidance from the board at each step, particularly about the restriction on start rates. This will help the clubs understand the intention and enable clubs to plan for bigger events.
4. Only when the government is sure that it is safe to move from one step to the next and issue the associated guidelines will the final decision be made.
5. The government guidelines on formally organised sport are:
Organised outdoor sport and physical activity for adults and children can return, which will be exempt from the legal gathering limits. The threshold on participant numbers will be decided by each national governing body (NGB) or organising organisation and will follow Covid-secure guidance.
6. Taking account of the latest government guidelines and following England moving to Step 2 of the government roadmap, British Orienteering is amending the operational guidance on start rates for orienteering events in England as follows:
 - a. **At Step 2 (from 12 April)**, a maximum of **two starters per minute** is permitted from each start location, regardless of whether start times or start windows are allocated.
 - b. **At Step 3 (from no earlier than 17 May)**, a maximum of **six starters per minute** will be permitted from each start location, regardless of whether start times or start windows are allocated.
 - c. **At Step 4 (from no earlier than 21 June)**, British Orienteering do not currently expect to retain any restrictions on start rates. We will provide further guidance on orienteering at Step 4 once the government guidance and any remaining legal restrictions are clearer.
7. The organiser may choose whether to allocate specific start times or start windows. In making this choice, the organiser must have regard to the need to maintain social distancing and for participants waiting to enter the start system to adhere to the legal maximum gathering size of six people [thirty people *at Step 3, no earlier than 17 May*].

The organiser should take account of factors including:

- The actual number of starters per minute from the start location
- The amount of space available at the start location
- The distance from the car parking to the start location
- Whether the start location is shared with members of the public
- Where multiple start locations are used, the separation between the start locations