

## **Suspension of British and Scottish Cycling Sanctioned Activity**

All British Cycling sanctioned cycling activity is currently suspended until 30 June 2020. While many of you have been enjoying the opportunity to ride recreationally, we appreciate that the cycling community is looking for direction and certainty on when club, group and competitive activity can resume.

The British Cycling position has been agreed with Scottish Cycling and Welsh Cycling, but we recognise that devolved government guidance may dictate that adjustments are required, including the dates we are working towards.

To support the Scottish Cycling clubs, event organisers and riders, the following guidance will further explain the British Cycling extension to the suspension of racing, in a Scottish context.

### **International and British National level races, including British National Series, British Championships and Sportives**

British Cycling are extending the suspension on International and British National Series and Championship races and all Sportives until 1 September 2020. This will include the British National Series events which were due to take place in Scotland in that time.

British Cycling will review this on a fortnightly basis in line with UK Government advice and will give six weeks' public notice of any extension or curtailment of the suspension. British Cycling, working with event organisers and stakeholders will lead on the process to rearrange these events later in the calendar year if possible.

For Sportives in Scotland, these events must follow the Scottish Government advice, and this will be communicated accordingly if there is any change to this suspension date.

### **Regional Racing including Scottish National Championship and Series Events**

British Cycling have extended the suspension of regional level races to the 1 August 2020. This type of event also includes all Scottish National Championship and Series events, regardless of the category of racing.

Scottish Cycling will work with British cycling to review this on a fortnightly basis and we will give four weeks' notice of any extension or curtailment of the suspension in Scotland, which will be based on Scottish Government guidance. We will also adopt a risk management approach which means that some disciplines or events can return ahead others if the format allows the safety of all to be managed appropriately.

Scottish Cycling are working in partnership with the Events Commissions and event organisers to investigate return to racing options, in line with British Cycling and Scottish Government advice and guidance. The views of the Scottish Cycling community will help inform the production of a race calendar with events that will be safe for all participants.

To support a return to racing, Scottish Cycling are undertaking a short survey to establish the current views of racers and event volunteers, including organisers and officials. This will help us identify any additional areas of support which may be required when we are able to resume racing. A link to the survey can be found [here](#).

### **Club and Group Activity**

Club and group activity, such as coaching, instructing, and leading, club rides, HSBC UK Breeze rides and similar will be suspended until at least 4 July 2020, in line with British Cycling's statement. It is likely that these activities can be reintroduced with a greater degree of flexibility and appropriate guidance and measures to manage risk, ensuring compliance with Government guidelines. This suspension will be reviewed regularly, in line with Scottish Government guidelines, and further guidance about the safe return to activity will be released by Scottish Cycling in due course.

### **Great Britain Cycling Team**

We are working with UK Sport and the HSBC UK National Cycling Centre to manage the return to training for the Great Britain Cycling Team in accordance with the [UK Government guidance](#) published on 13 May 2020.

### **What Happens Next**

Our priority remains ensuring the safety of all participants, volunteers, and the wider community in Scotland as we progress through a gradual return to cycling activity. We are



mindful that the public health guidelines differ in each home country and we are working hard behind the scenes with our colleagues at British Cycling, Welsh Cycling, **sportscotland**, the Scottish Government and our colleagues in other governing bodies of sport to develop clear guidance and plans to gradually return to activity.

We plan to publish guidelines next month on what a staged return to all forms of activity might look like. This is currently ongoing, but we are committed to updating all those who care for our sport as often as we can and with as much information as we can.

[Updated statement from Scottish Cycling regarding physical activity during COVID-19.](#)

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