

British Boxing Board of Control operational document for tournaments. 10th edition. July 2021.



TO COME INTO EFFECT 1st July 2021.

The procedures outlined in this operational document are reviewed on a regular basis by the BBBofC Medical panel.

Changes to current operational procedure can be implemented at any point to reflect the pandemic status in the United Kingdom.

Summary of changes and points of emphasis in this edition

- *The red, amber and green zones system will now be replaced by a working zone.*

Currently there is no mechanism to ensure Professional Boxing in the United Kingdom is 100% free from COVID-19 infection. However, the guidance outlined in this document should significantly reduce the chance of COVID-19 infection at tournaments licensed by the British Boxing Board of Control.

Venues:

All potential venues to be discussed and reviewed by senior BBBofC Officials and BBBofC Area Chief Medical Officer / senior doctor. No promotion will be permitted to run unless the venue has been approved by the BBBofC.

All venues will be required to be cleaned to a medical standard in advance of the tournament.

Who should NOT attend the tournament:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

Number of contests:

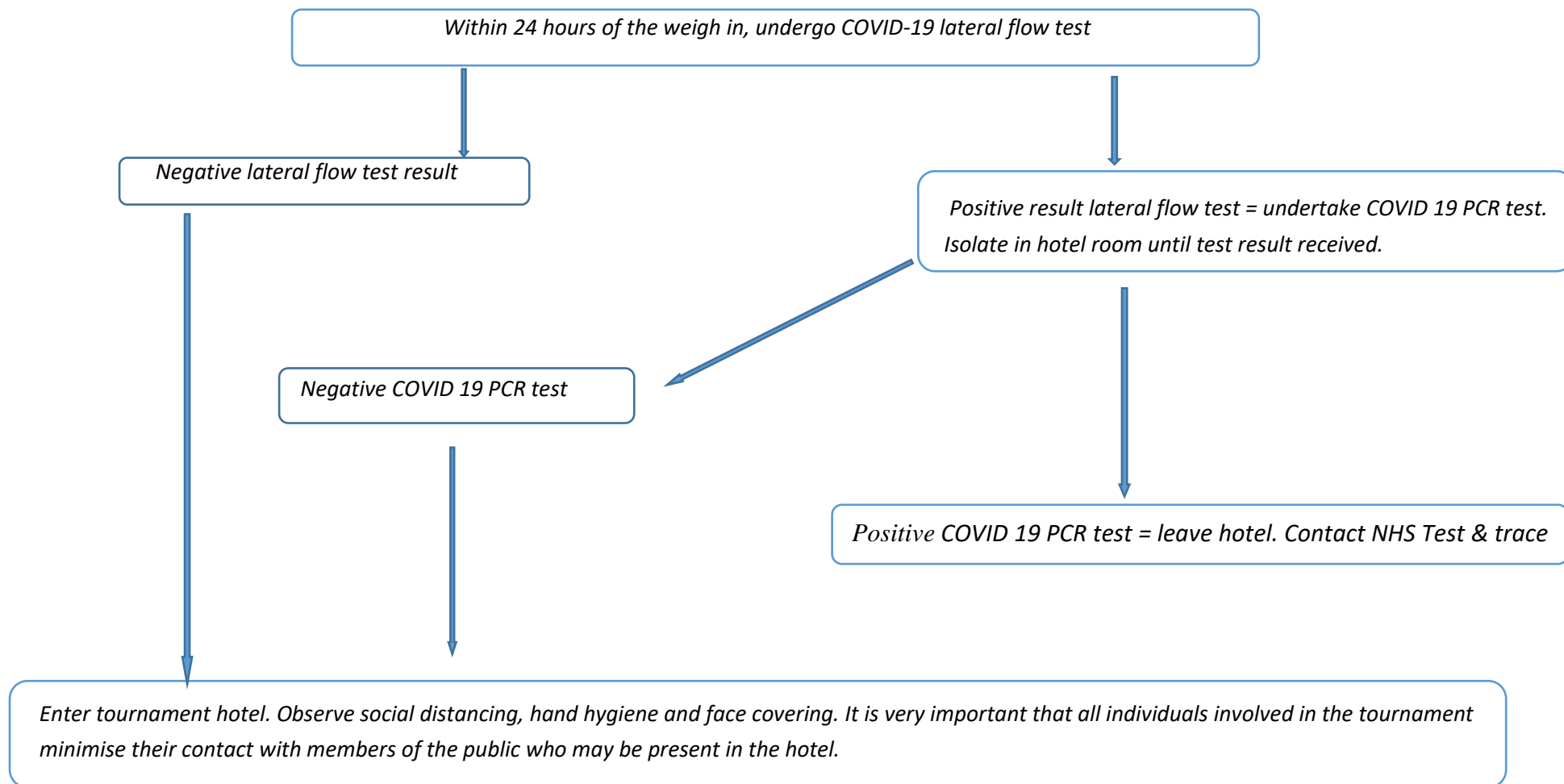
Maximum 9 contests. Pre contest medicals will be conducted on the afternoon of the tournament and not the day before.

Pre-tournament medical questionnaire for all attending. The questionnaire link for each tournament will be supplied by Head Office.

- To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to all who attend BBBofC tournaments a screening questionnaire will be used.
- Completion of the questionnaire is mandatory for all Licence Holders.

Pre tournament COVID-19 testing:

- Any individual in the working zone must undertake a COVID-19 test.
- The requirement to undertake COVID-19 testing for spectators will be based upon Government, Local Authority and Venue guidelines.
- It is the responsibility of the Promoter to facilitate COVID-19 testing for licence holder's.
- The Promoter must agree with the BBBofC details of the COVID-19 testers that are being used and who is undertaking the testing process.
- BBBofC Officials / Medical Officers who are COVID-19 tested may be permitted to go home and self-isolate until the tournament begins. Each case must be discussed with BBBofC Head Office.
- The hotel provision is the responsibility of the Promoter
- The BBBofC must be informed of all test results before the tournament
- Any person that produces a positive PCR test for active COVID-19 infection will not be permitted to take any further part in the tournament.
- Any person testing positive for COVID-19 will be advised on the safest passage out of the hotel, to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This passage will involve wearing PPE.



You should not travel to the tournament if you have symptoms of COVID-19

Attending a BBBoFC tournament if you have previously tested positive for COVID-19:

Individuals can attend a BBBoFC tournament if they have previously tested polymerase chain reaction (PCR) positive for COVID-19 and fulfil the following criteria:

The individual is 10 days post positive PCR test and has been asymptomatic (no symptoms) throughout that 10 day period.

If the individual has been symptomatic following the positive PCR test, then the 10 day isolation period must begin from the day that symptoms started. To attend the tournament the individual must be afebrile (no temperature) for 48 hours without medication. If loss of smell / taste and or a cough persist the individual can attend the tournament providing they are medically fit to return to work.

Any individual who has been hospitalised with COVID-19 should inform the BBBofC.

Does the individual require retesting when they attend a tournament?

PCR COVID-19 testing is not required for 90 days unless the individual has become symptomatic (showing symptoms) during this period. If PCR testing is undertaken within 90 days in an asymptomatic individual there is a chance a positive results will be returned due to shedding inactive virus.

If an individual was COVID-19 tested as part of NHS Track and Trace then local Health Protection Team guidance should be followed.

In all cases of positive COVID-19 test results the BBBofC should be informed.

COVID-19 screening on arrival at venue:

- Upon arrival at the venue and prior to entering the arena all attendees will have their temperature taken and will be asked COVID-19 screening questions.
- Temperature checks will be undertaken with non-contact thermometer. If any irregularities are identified, the individual will not be permitted to enter the arena.
- The individual conducting the screening process on arrival should be wearing appropriate PPE.
- In accordance with Government guidance the BBBofC has appointed a COVID-19 officer. The BBBofC recommend that each Promoter appoints a named COVID-19 medical officer (Physician) to ensure that risk assessment takes place for non BBBofC Licence Holders attending the tournament.

Social distancing:

Social distancing is essential.

The only persons allowed into the ring prior to and after the contest are the Boxers, one Trainer, Referee and Medical Officers. Anyone else entering the ring before or after a contest must be wearing an FFP3 and have prior approval from BBBofC

No ring girls permitted into the ring.

Master of Ceremony not permitted into the ring unless wearing an FFP3 mask

No camera people in the ring.

TV interviews to take place in agreed designated areas.

Zoning at the venue: please refer to zoning schematic at the end of this document.

Infection control & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- **Supply of PPE for all attendees is the responsibility of the Promoter in conjunction with BBBofC.**
- **Any medical exemption from wearing PPE must be forwarded to BBBofC Head Office 5 working days before the tournament. Exemptions may affect zone entry**
- Recommended dress code for BBBofC Officials: trousers, short sleeve polo shirt to ensure bare below elbows.
- There must be designated safe areas for donning and doffing of PPE. These areas will require handwashing facilities, touch free paper towel dispensers (not hot air hand dryers), hand sanitizer, disposable latex free gloves, *Clinell Universal Wipes* and foot pedal operated clinical waste bins. Standard waste bins will not be appropriate for clinical waste.
- It is recommended that all in attendance at the tournament are bare below the elbow.

Hand sanitiser facilities must be available and clearly identifiable at ringside. They should also be clearly identified on entry to dressing rooms.

Hand washing facilities must be visible and provided throughout the venue Guidance on best practice must be visible:

- Licence Holders in the corners must not share the Boxers water bottle or towel.
- Boxers can have a total of 4 personnel in their corner.
- Shower facilities with soap and towels must be available at the venue for all Boxers, Licence Holders, Referee's, Judges and Medical Officers to use.

PPE for the Medical Team:

All Medical Officers at ringside will be in PPE (FFP3 mask, latex free disposable gloves and full-face visor) in the event of a collapsed Boxer. The nominated Paramedic to assist the airway will require the same level of PPE as the 2 airway Medical Officers in PPE.

The Promoter must hire an Ambulance with Paramedic support that is undertaking regular COVID-19 transfers and recognised by the CQC for this.

PPE for any individual within the working zone:

FFP3 mask, eye protection (eye shield, goggles or visor) and regular sanitizing of hands.

PPE for all other attendees outside the working zone:

Face masks and regular sanitizing of hands.

Cleaning of ring in between contests:

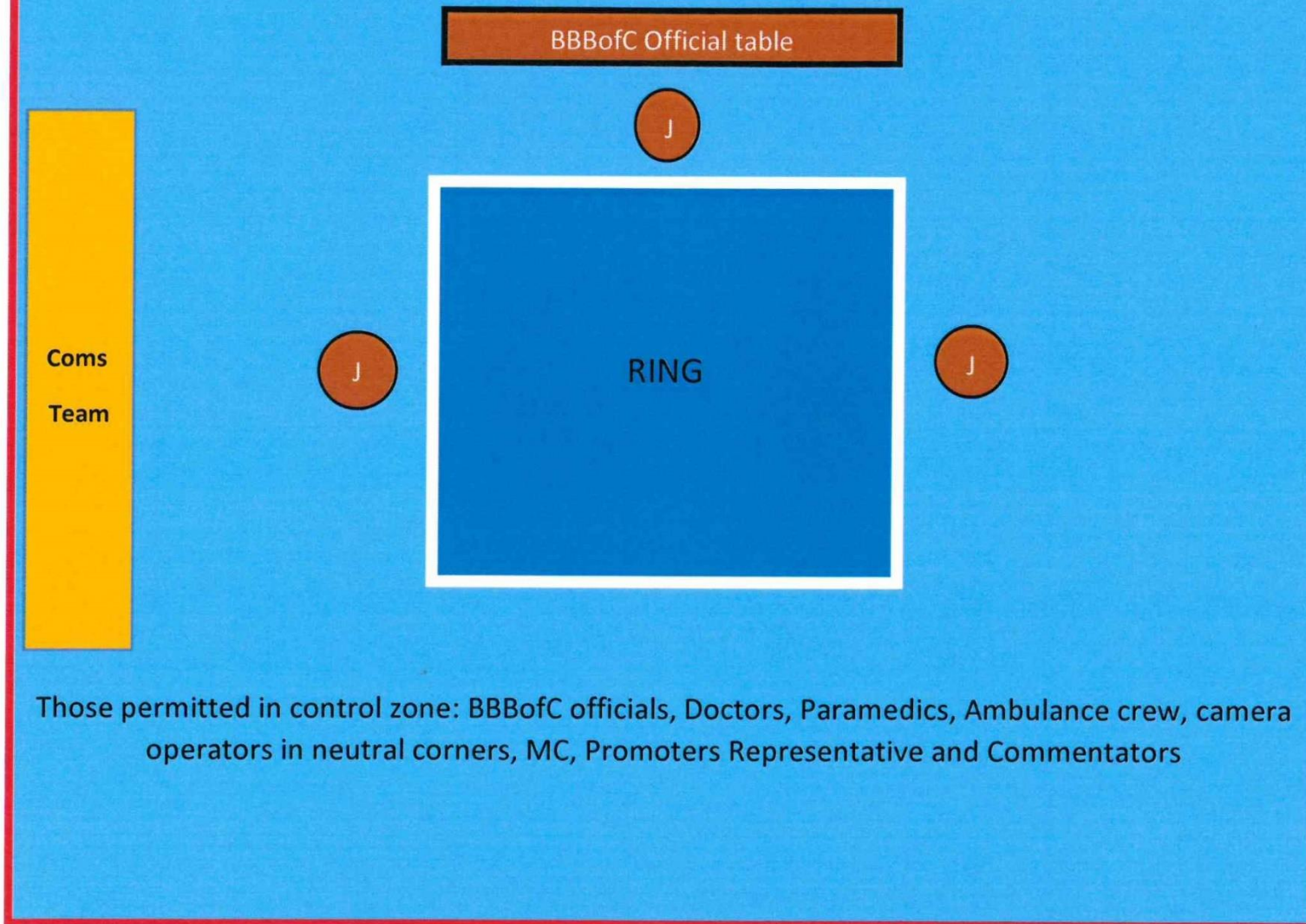
Ring canvas, steps to ring, ropes and corners to be cleaned to medical standards in between each contest.

There must be sufficient time (minimum of 15 minutes) between contests to allow cleaning of the ring area and for any person to change their PPE in a safe and unrushed manner.

Corner buckets:

Spittoon buckets must be used. One spittoon bucket per Boxer. The spittoon bucket must be covered with a lid during each round. The spittoon buckets must be changed after each contest.

Working zone = 3 metres circumferential around ring



Those permitted in control zone: BBBofC officials, Doctors, Paramedics, Ambulance crew, camera operators in neutral corners, MC, Promoters Representative and Commentators

Promoter's row