

British Boxing Board of Control operational document for tournaments. 13th edition. January 2022.

TO COME INTO EFFECT 1st February 2022.

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.

Summary of changes and points of emphasis in this edition

- The working zone includes the Ringside area, dressing rooms and weigh-in.
- COVID lateral flow testing is required for all individuals who will access the working zone / areas.
- **If an individual's vaccination passport/evidence cannot be produced at the time of pre event lateral flow testing, then PCR testing is required. This includes all overseas Boxers, Trainers and personnel.**
- Any individual with a positive PCR test will not be permitted to attend the tournament.
- Face coverings are mandatory in the working zone / areas.
- Weigh-ins, only the Boxer, one member of the Boxer's team, Promoter's Representative, Master of Ceremonies and Board Officials permitted. Scales should be cleaned after each Boxer has weighed.
- All members of the corner team must wear a face covering.
- Pre-contest, the following individuals are permitted in the ring: Boxer, one member of the Corner team, Master of Ceremonies, Promoter's Representative and Board Officials.
- Judges and Referees must wear a face covering.
- Master of Ceremonies permitted into the ring. They are permitted to remove their face covering for announcements. The face covering must be worn on entry and exit of the ring.
- Post contest interviews will still be permitted within the working zone in a designated area.
- Post contest, the following individuals are permitted in the ring: Promoter, Master of Ceremonies, Referee, Boxer's corner team, Medical Officers, Paramedics and Board Officials. All must be wearing a face covering.
- Between contests the ring must be cleaned.
- Any individual with an exemption to wear a face covering must forward this information to BBBofC Head Office 5 days prior to a tournament. If this is not received, then that individual will not be permitted into the working zone.
- Gloves should be cleaned and laces destroyed. All gloves must be returned to the Promoter's Representative.

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.

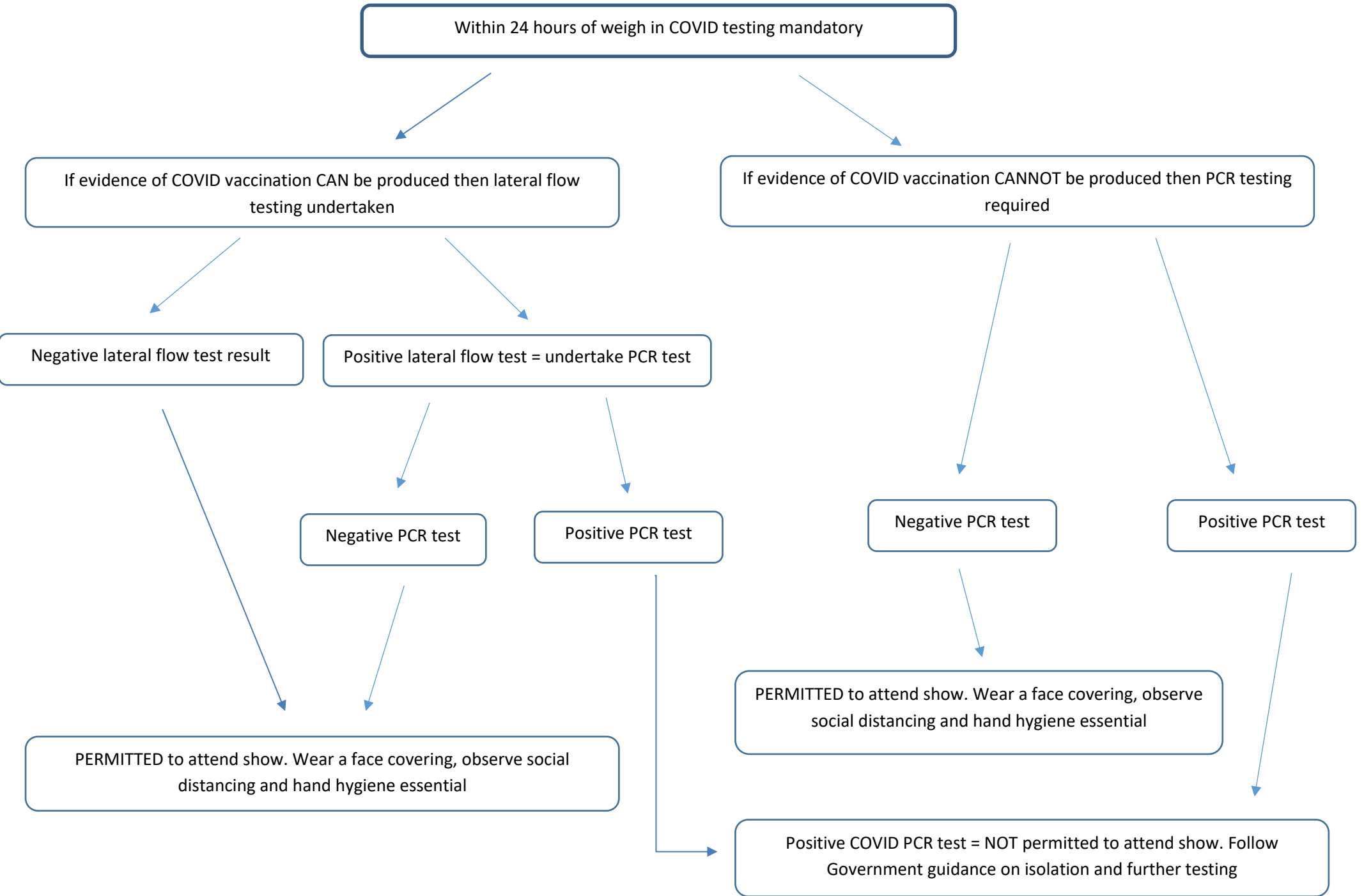
Number of contests:

Maximum 12 contests. Pre contest medicals will be conducted on the afternoon of the tournament or on the day before the tournament, following permission being granted by the BBBofC.

Some venues may have a restriction of less bouts. This must be checked at Head Office.

Pre-tournament COVID-19 testing:**You should not travel to the tournament if you have symptoms of COVID-19**

- Any individual in the working zone must undertake a COVID-19 test. If the individual can produce evidence of COVID vaccination, then lateral flow testing is permitted. If vaccination evidence cannot be produced then PCR testing is required.
- It is the responsibility of the Promoter to facilitate COVID-19 testing for licence holders.
- The Promoter must agree with the BBBofC details of the COVID-19 testers that are being used and who is undertaking the testing process.
- Individuals who are COVID tested negative may be permitted to go home until the tournament begins.
- Any 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 COVID infection will not be permitted to take any further part in the tournament.



Infection control & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

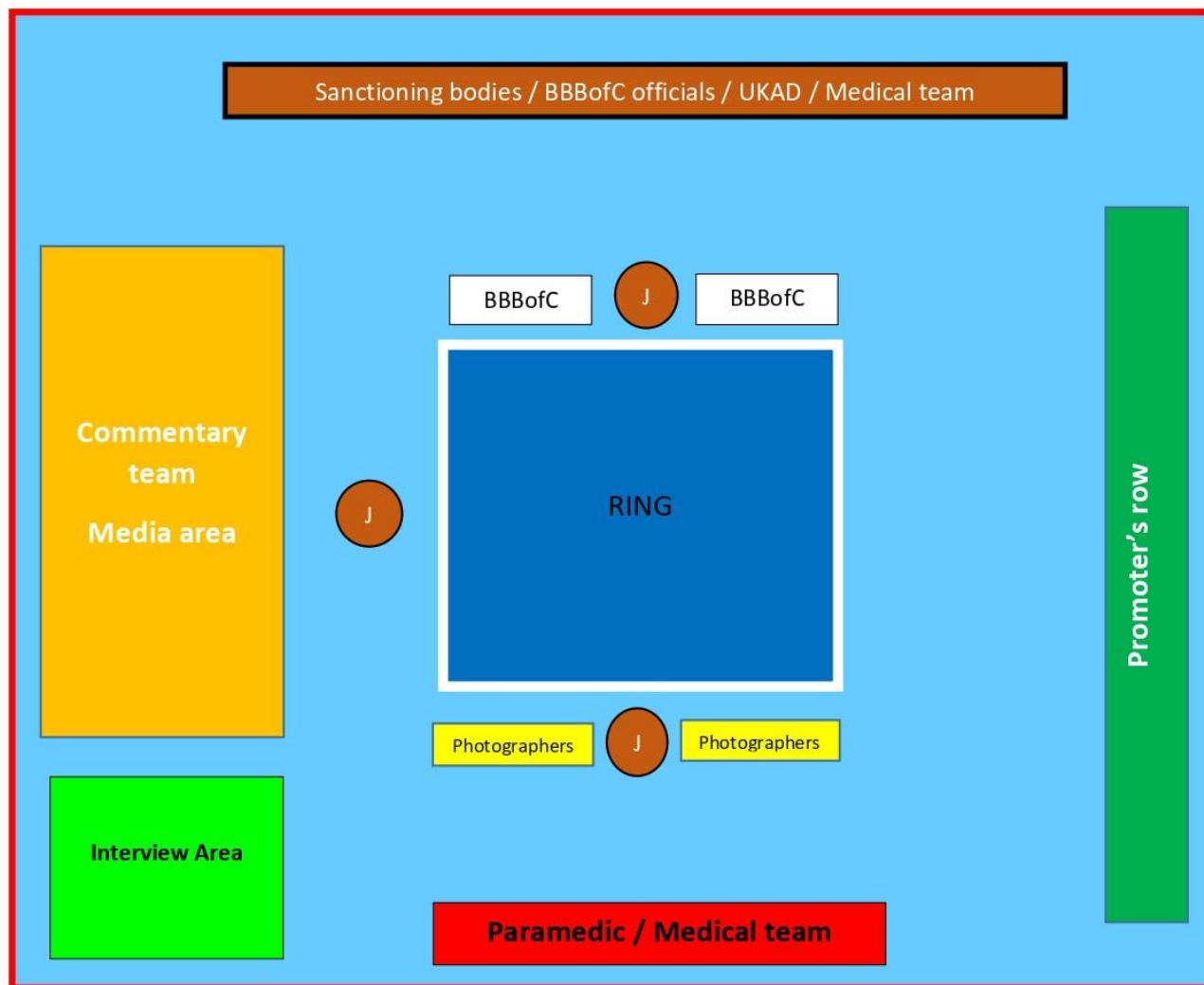
- Medical Officers may choose to wear full PPE at ringside. There must be designated safe areas for donning and doffing of PPE. Hand sanitiser facilities must be available and clearly identifiable at ringside. They should also be clearly identified on entry to dressing rooms. Clinical waste bins must be available.
 - Hand washing & sanitising facilities must be visible and provided throughout the venue.
 - Licence Holders in the corners must not share the Boxer's 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, Referees, Judges and Medical Officers to use.
 - Regular hand sanitizing for all in attendance is recommended.
- Corner team, if working more than one contest, should change shirts, face coverings and wash hands prior to the next contest they are working. In addition, ensure any bottles and other equipment are cleaned or replaced.
- Corner team must ensure that any swabs, gauze and bandages are deposited in waste bins provided by the Promoter.

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.

Dressing rooms:

- Only Licence Holders, Promoter's Personnel, Medical Officials and Board Officials permitted who have complied with all BBBofC testing requirements will be permitted.
- Boxer and/or their Manager will be responsible for the conduct of their Corner and or any unlicensed third party who may breach or attempt to breach the BBBofC protocols.
- Dressing rooms, weigh-ins and the medical room will be included as part of the "working zone".



The BBBofC Officials table can be placed against the ring apron.

There must be 2.5 metres minimum from ring apron to edge of control zone on the BBBofC Official table side and Paramedic side of the ring.

Please note, the Working Zone includes the Ringside area, dressing rooms, medical room and weigh-in.