

Guidance on restarting access to water sports activities in the Barrwood.

All advice given in this guidance is to be read in conjunction with the most current government guidance, Scout Association guidance, the risk assessment and troops' own risk assessments. This document aims to provide a way to allow a safe way back to water based activities in the Barrwood.

- **Class C** - safe inland waters which are less than 100m wide where flow causes little effect (including swimming pools);

Overview: National Youth Agency (NYA) Coding – 4 Stages

The following summary identifies the 4 stages:

- Red - Centre is closed
- Amber - Non-residential scouting activities, outdoors, small groups
- Yellow - Non-residential scouting activities, face to face, indoors and outdoors, larger groups
- Green - All restrictions lifted

As the centre does not have a resident warden on site, there is a limit to being able to influence the behaviour and actions of visiting groups. Groups will be fully responsible for diligently conducting their visits in accordance with the site rules and COVID-19 guidance at the time of the visit. They will need to provide Risk Assessments and confirm that they have been approved at their own Group / District level. The Barrwood team involved in bookings and management of the site is expected to provide input into visiting groups approach to managing COVID-19 risks in terms of advice relating to the use of facilities and whether in fact all facilities are available. The following sections apply to stages 2 and 3 (Amber and Yellow), as determined by the NYA

Pre-Activity Checklist

Activity undertaken in accordance with requirements from UK Government / Scottish Government / UK Scouts / Scouts Scotland

Police Scotland notification and confirmation of receipt received (as necessary)

Risk assessment clearly disseminated and accepted by all participants.

Method of Operations for paddling issued to all leaders and participants involved in the activity

Written confirmation from all leaders and participants of confirmation that operation procedures understood and will be adhered to.

Initial Briefing

Leader-in-charge (L-I-C) to provide briefing on site constraints and overview of activity objectives at the 'Briefing Area'

Leaders access and egress only through main roller shutter door, not through main boat shed.

Prior to equipment collection all participants muster at a briefing area in front of the store.

Equipment Check and Readiness for Activity

Only leaders to enter boat store. Equipment to be made available to participants on the decking area in front of the store.

One at time (following the one-way system), each participant collects a helmet, paddle and PDF. Make way back to the briefing area.

Leader-in-charge does a visual check of PDF and helmets to ensure they are fitted correctly.

Participants to choose a 'boat' and following instructions, fits out as required.

When leader-in-charge is satisfied that all participants are correctly equipped and they are satisfied with their 'boats', then proceed to enter the water.

Entering the Water

Leader-in-charge enters the water first

Each participant(s) then enters the water one boat at a time

L-I-C provides further briefing as required

Activity Whilst on the Water

To mitigate the risk to all leaders and participants of working with COVID-19, activities will take place within an areas prescribed by the L-I-C and that has been approved by their District Commissioner.

To minimise contact between leaders and participants, activities will be undertaken close to shore so that in the event of a capsize, participants can swim to shore. In the event of the

capsize occurring in deeper water and participants unable to swim to shore then leaders will assist in them gaining access back into their craft to minimise risk of hypothermia. Dynamic risk assessment of conditions will be continually monitored to mitigate the probability of assist rescue.

Exiting the Water, Completion of Activity and Leaving Site

Enact the reverse of the start of the activity

Wash down and disinfect all surfaces of carry points on 'boats' and personal kit owned for group use, prior to hand over from participant

Disinfect boat shed handles and exit surfaces. Please refer to appendix A for a more detailed approach to 'wash-down'

Health Procedures & Emergency Procedures

Resuscitation in accordance guidance: – Resuscitation <https://www.resus.org.uk/covid-19-resources/covid-19-resources-general-public/resuscitation-council-uk-statement-covid-19>

A supply of face masks and hand sanitiser will be supplied by the L-I-C to ensure regular cleaning, particularly between assessment and administering of first aid between different individuals.

A trained first aider will be on site during any event.

Appendix A wash down:

With the outbreak of COVID 19, it is critical that paddlers observe the correct procedures when cleaning their boat/equipment. Any equipment should be wiped down with disinfectant and/or water and detergent before and after use. This will include boats, paddles, buoyancy aids and any other shared objects/materials. When cleaning boats paddlers should pay particular attention to the bow and stern of the boat, the seats, cockpit rims, buoyancy bags and foot rests. When cleaning equipment, pay particular attention to folds of cagoules, dry suits, buoyancy aids, spray-decks and throw-lines.