

Impact of Travel Restrictions on Licensed Athletics Events in Scotland

The protection level system recently implemented in Scotland lays out specific restrictions on travel to and from sporting events across the different levels local authorities have been placed into. Event organisers, clubs and athletes should be aware of these restrictions and the impact they may have on any events they plan to stage or attend this season.

Athletics events taking place in levels 0-2:

- Participants aged 18+ from local authorities in levels 0-2 may attend
- Participants aged under 18 from local authorities in levels 0-3 may attend
- An adult (18+) may drive a young athlete (U18) from a level 3 local authority to the event, but should not attend themselves
- Events may take place indoors or outdoors, adhering to guidance on maximum numbers of participants for each

Athletics events taking place in level 3:

- Participants aged 18+ from within the event's own local authority may attend outdoor events
- Participants aged under 18 from local authorities in levels 0-3 may attend outdoor and indoor events
- An adult (18+) may drive a young athlete from local authorities in level 0-3 to the event, but should not attend themselves
- All other participants aged 18+ from local authorities in level 0-2 or from other local authorities in level 3 should **not** attend. Any travel into level 3 areas for competition is discouraged for U18s but is not prohibited.
- Indoor events should **not** take place for those aged 18+ in level 3, but are permitted for U18s

Athletics events taking place in level 4:

- Participants of all ages should not travel in or out of level four areas for the purposes of exercise.
- Small-scale local club events staffed by club officials and volunteers from within the same local authority as the event may take place for low numbers (eg. individual time trials within a training session; physically-distanced throws competition) but competitive events are discouraged, and competition bubbles to suspend physical distancing requirements must not be created.
- Facilities may be unavailable – check with your local authority
- Virtual events will be the primary source of competition within local authorities in level 4
- No indoor events are permitted to take place in level 4 for any age group

NB: "Participants" includes athletes, officials, volunteers and all other event attendees