



Manchester Cross Country Ski Club

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Regular coaching sessions and equipment hire

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MCCSC Return to Skiing in a Covid World

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I'm sure that many members will be wondering when MCCSC will be able to resume some skiing activities, after these long 4 months of restrictions. This may be tempered by the thought of "is it safe to do so?"

The easing of the Governments Corona Virus lock down continues at a pace and MCCSC will continue to follow the Governments and Snowsport England's advice, particularly on resuming activities, which continue to evolve, sometimes daily and we anticipate further easing.

The MCCSC committee are meeting on the 7th August to decide on how and when we are able to resume activities under the "New Norm" of social distancing & hygiene measures. Snowsport England states quite clearly that resuming club activity will always carry a degree of risk associated with the transmission of Covid-19, however these risks can be mitigated by putting procedures in place and by all participants adhering to them. The MCCSC Covid-19 prevention policy must be agreed before we are able to resume activities and we will publish this after our meeting.

Roller Ski Tours may be our first club activity to be resumed, as they are outdoors and not reliant on a specific venue re-opening. At present groups are limited to a maximum of 6 people from different households including the leader/coach. Social distancing rules apply.

Telemarking - Indoor Snow Centres are able to open from 1st August (with skating rinks etc). Chill Factor^e has just announced today that it will re-open at midday on Monday 17th August, with new Covid secure operating procedures. The majority of Chill Factor^e staff are still on furlough, so we are currently unable to state when formal club Telemark sessions may resume.

Roller ski sessions are reliant upon cycle tracks re-opening which we believe to be in September, once schools & universities return, eg Palantine Road Blackpool and UCLAN Preston. Both sites are not taking advanced bookings, but we are chasing. Multiple groups of 6 are permitted outdoors (up to a maximum of 30) provided each is adequately distanced. It may be that measures are further relaxed by the time we can run these sessions.

Thank you for your forbearance in these unrepresented times and we look forward to being able to ski together shortly. Stay safe. Chair of MCCSC

Please continue to check www.mccsc.org.uk for updates.

Note We have to clearly differentiate between official club activities and those of individual members. If a healthy individual or group of individuals to a maximum of 6 (who have no symptoms, nor their family, friends, colleagues or work place) wishes to continue to ski informally & employing social distancing, then it is currently their right to do so (subject to any changes in government or local government advice & policy).



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