

# Spectator FAQs

Due to the ever-changing nature of COVID-19, this document will be updated regularly. If you feel that your question hasn't been answered, please email [info@kentfa.com](mailto:info@kentfa.com)



## **1. Will I be allowed to go and watch a grassroots football match as a spectator if I'm socially distanced?**

*Supporters, parents, and other spectators should remain socially distanced whilst attending events. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes.*

*Specific FA spectator guidance and protocols for clubs in the men's National League System and Women's Football Pyramid is available here: [bit.ly/SpectatorsNLS](https://bit.ly/SpectatorsNLS)*

## **2. What are the guidelines for participants and spectators before and after a game or training session?**

*There are a number of considerations that should be taken before, during and after a game. The guidance provides an overview of these: [bit.ly/ReturnToFootballGuidance](https://bit.ly/ReturnToFootballGuidance)*

## **3. Our Club plays at Step 3 (example) but we have a B Graded ground – can we work on 15/30% of the minimum capacity of the B Grade?**

*No, not at present. The submission to DCMS was made on the basis that any return to spectators was a phased approach and, in order to mitigate risk, the % figure is derived from the minimum capacity required for ground grading at the Step level of the host Club. That is not to say that we may be able to adjust this upon a future review.*

## **4. Our Club, who plays at Step 3 (example) has an officially calculated capacity that is higher than the minimum required for the Step level – can we work on this basis and apply 15/30% of the calculated capacity?**

*As above, not at the moment, but again it is something that will be considered upon a future review.*

## **5. We participate at Step 1/Step 2 – can we have a return to spectators?**

*In order to complete play-offs, the National League was deemed to be “Elite” in relation to the Government’s sporting guidance. As such, a return to spectators within Steps 1 and 2 will be subject to the conditions of the Government’s Elite Sport Guidance which will be issued from time to time. At this time there are no spectators permitted at Steps 1 or 2 of the NLS.*

## **6. Our local authority has informed us that we are not permitted to have as many spectators in our ground as The FA are currently suggesting (i.e. 15/30% of the minimum grading capacity) – which figure do we work to?**

*Local authorities now have delegated powers from the Government to deal with Covid-19-related matters and so, if a local authority provides a lower maximum capacity, this must be adhered to as opposed to that set by The FA.*

## **7. We play at Tier 5 or below in the Women’s Pyramid, but our ground is used at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System – do we have minimum capacity percentages we need to follow?**

*Clubs at Tiers 5 and below of the Women’s Football Pyramid are able to follow the FA Grassroots Guidance in relation to spectators, with no minimum capacity percentages. However, if your club expect to exceed 100 spectators you should consider following the minimum capacity percentages set by the National League System Step that the venue falls within.*

## **8. Our venue have set a lower maximum capacity than The FA have proposed – are they able to do this?**

*The venue have final say over the number of spectators they are willing to allow into the ground and this must be respected at all times*

