



Due to the rapidly changing and evolving health picture with regards the Omicron-B variant HM Government are updating the guidance around both the use of 1. elite sport exemptions and 2. the protocols if a person is identified as a close contact of a confirmed Omicron-B positive case.

In light of these changes we have reviewed, and will continue to review, our guidance in this rapidly changing landscape.

### **Definition of an Elite Athlete**

A person who:

- derives a living from competing in a sport;
- is a senior representative nominated by a relevant sporting body;
- is a member of the senior training squad for a relevant sporting body, or;
- is on an elite development pathway\*

*\*Cross-border competition: for the purposes of the International Travel Regulations and relevant exemptions, this applies to those on an elite development pathway only if they are aged 16 or above.*

AGB is therefore applying this definition to the following:

- Athletes on Olympic or Paralympic WCP and PAPP
- Olympic Conversion athletes within the pathway
- Any other athlete whose only occupation or means of making a living is through competing at international competition

### **International Travel – England based Athletes**

Fully Vaccinated:

Anyone who is fully vaccinated should FULLY self-isolate after arrival in England until a negative Day 2 PCR result is received.

All must plan their travel itinerary, recovery period and testing plans when back in the UK to accommodate the PCR test and the short self-isolation period (until a negative result is received) – NO elite sport exemptions are now applicable during this period until the negative PCR Test result is confirmed.

The Day 2 PCR test can be taken at any point from arrival until the end of Day 2, and there are various express services readily available (including at airport and arrival terminals).

An individual using elite sports exemptions may only leave self-isolation before receiving their negative Day 2 PCR test in ONLY exceptional or critical circumstances, for example, to undertake exempt activity where no alternative arrangements could be made for this activity to be delivered.

In such exceptional cases, the following must have been adhered to:

- The exempt activity must have been approved by one of the Performance Management Team (PMT)\*
- You should ensure you have completed a negative LFT test before leaving self-isolation.

\* Tom Duggan / Sarah Smith / Rikki Bingham / Rich Collins

### **Non or Part Vaccinated**

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must quarantine for 10 days after arrival in England and take tests before they travel and during their quarantine. The elite sport exemption permits you to leave self-isolation for the following reasons;

- competing in or training for an elite sports event;
  - providing essential support to a domestic elite sports person in their competition or training;
- or
- providing essential operational support to the running of an elite sports event.

### **International Travel – Scotland based Athletes**

Applies to international elite sportspersons and essential operational and support staff who have travelled to Scotland and are participating in competitions specified in Schedule 6 of the International Travel Regulations, UK sportspersons and essential operational and support staff returning to Scotland from elite sports events or from training or qualifying events for the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games, or UK sportspersons who are based abroad returning to Scotland for an elite sports event or training.

### **International Travel – Wales based Athletes**

There are no Elite Sport Exemptions in Wales, athletes must therefore follow the following Welsh Government Guidance.

People arriving in Wales, from a country not on the red list, who are fully vaccinated must:

- complete a passenger locator form (on GOV.UK)
- have proof of a negative PCR or LFD Covid-19 test, taken no more than 48 hours before departure to Wales.
- take a post arrival PCR test
- self-isolate until a negative result is received

If you are fully vaccinated and have travelled from a country not on the red list, you must take a PCR test on or before day two following your arrival into Wales. The day you arrive is day 0. You must self-isolate until you receive a negative PCR test result, after which you can leave isolation.

If you test positive you must remain in isolation for 10 days from the date of your test.