

Dear Minister and Dave,

Further to your reply below. As you will now be aware, Swindon is in Tier 4. This places the local authority area into a "stay at home" category for the foreseeable future. With specific reference to sports and leisure activities, the advice says the following:

Indoor gyms and sports facilities will close. Outdoor sports courts, outdoor gyms, golf courses, outdoor swimming pools, archery/driving/shooting ranges, riding centres and playgrounds can remain open for individual exercise, and for people to use with others within your household, support bubble, or with one person from another household. Organised outdoor sport for under 18s and disabled people will be allowed.

You may investigate advice further with the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home#sports-and-physical-activity>

This has been interpreted by Sports England as the following:

- People can exercise outdoors or visit some public outdoor places, such as parks, the countryside, public gardens or outdoor sports facilities. They can continue to do unlimited exercise alone, or in a public outdoor place with their household, support bubble, or one other person.
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- Outdoor sports facilities are allowed to open and can be used by individual households, bubbles or two people from different households. This applies to outdoor sports courts, outdoor gyms, golf courses, outdoor swimming pools, archery/driving/shooting ranges, riding centres and playgrounds.
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- Organised outdoor sport for under-18s (including those who were under 18 on 31 August 2020) and disabled people is allowed.
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- Indoor sport is allowed for under-18s for educational purposes or to facilitate childcare that enables parents or carers to work, seek work or take part in education.
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- Adult sport can't take place indoors under any circumstances, with gyms and swimming pools having to close.
- There are no exceptions for disabled people taking part in sport or physical activity indoors.

Again, you can find more information at this link: <https://www.sportengland.org/news/what-new-tier-4-means-sport-and-physical-activity-england>

We hope this informs your decision making going forward. Please contact us on this email if you have any further queries.

Best regards,  
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