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This interpretation is taken from The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.2) (England) Regulations 2020) updated 23rd September 2020 and relates to the activity of 'hashing' as an "other fitness related activity" as defined In the Regulations.

- 5.—[F2(1) During the emergency period, no person may participate in a gathering which consists of more than six people unless—

5.(c) paragraph (3) applies.

Paragraph 3 reads

- (3) This paragraph applies where—

3.(j) the gathering is an outdoor sports gathering or a permitted indoor sports gathering and the person concerned is taking part in that gathering,
- (5D) For the purposes of paragraph (3)(j)—

(a) an "outdoor sports gathering" is a gathering which is organised for the purposes allowing persons who are not elite sportspersons to take part in any sport or other fitness related activity and—

(i) which is organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution, or a public body,

(ii)which takes place [F22](#)... outdoors, and

(iii)the manager, if the gathering takes place on relevant premises, or the gathering organiser, in any other case, complies with paragraph (5G);
- (5G) The gathering organiser or manager (as the case may be) complies with this paragraph if, in relation to the relevant gathering, they—

a) have carried out a risk assessment which would satisfy the requirements of regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, whether or not the gathering organiser or manager is subject to those Regulations, and

b) have taken all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus, taking into account—

(i) the risk assessment carried out under sub-paragraph (a), and

- (ii) any guidance issued by the government which is relevant to the gathering.
- (9) Nothing in this regulation permits a person to participate in a gathering in contravention of—
 - (a) regulation 5(1)(b) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) Regulations 2020;
 - (b) regulation 4(1)(b) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) Regulations 2020;
 - (c) regulation 5(1)(b) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020;
 - (d) regulation 5(1)(b) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020.
 - (e) regulation 6 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North East and North West of England) Regulations 2020.

NB. This interpretation covers the participation in “other fitness related activity” only. It does not cover gathering for the activity, i.e prior to the hash, ,or after participating, including any circle or socialising, which are not subject to paragraph 3 above.