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Dear Janet

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 September regarding petition P-05-1027.

We are sympathetic to the implications of the current restrictions upon sport venues. Organised outdoor activities, including team sports and classes, involving up to 30 people have been able to go ahead. On 3 August, some restrictions on the holding of sports events (including team sports and classes) outside were lifted. Now groups (all participants/competitors, ground staff and spectators who are there for the specific purpose of the event) of up to 30, from different households, are able to meet outside as long as they are able to maintain social distancing rules. The Welsh Government's advice '[Sport, recreation and leisure: guidance for a phased return](#)' provides general guidance on organised outdoor activities.

The situation regarding events is different. We are not yet at the stage where we can allow larger groups than 30 to get together in any one location for one specific purpose such as to watch a sports event or concert, due to the risks this poses, the difficulties of managing the crowds, and recording who is / was present. The First Minister announced recently that three test events in the sporting and cultural sector would take place. These have now taken place and involved working with a small number of partners to manage a series of events to be held outdoors but involving larger gatherings of no more than 100. The lessons learned from these test events are being considered within the review process, officials are also working closely with colleagues across the UK, under the auspices of the UK Events Co-ordination Group, to share information and best practice to further inform the review.

Yours sincerely,

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