

It's the first weekend of lockdown and I have to say I couldn't be more disappointed by the actions of a few members of our fine club.

The rules of lockdown clearly state that you are only allowed to meet ONE (1) other person, outside of your household, for exercise.

This should be really easy to follow but certain members of our club think it's O.K to meet at the club or other venues, jump in the car together and head off for a run together.

Today, I was told "It's O.K Steve, we ran in pairs two metres apart" – Really?? I was speechless

As the chair of the athletic section I've had to tell young kids that they can't train together, coaches to limit their coaching activities, the Thursday Strollers group that they can't walk together and we've had to close all of our indoor facilities.

So, can someone please explain to me why certain people don't think these rules apply to them?

In reality, it's very frustrating as there's not a lot I can do except to appeal to these individuals to think about their actions.

I've discussed the situation with Main Club Chair, Colin White, he and I have agreed that if our members insist on flouting the restrictions, we must insist that,

- Members do not meet or leave their cars at the club.
- Do not run from the club in groups larger than TWO people
- Do not wear your club kit when out running in groups.
- Do not post your activities on Garmin or Strava.

If things do not improve then I will not hesitate in requesting closure of the club grounds for the remaining duration of lockdown

Please, do not bring our club into disrepute, we should be leading by example, do not spoil it for others.

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