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American Football	5%	10%	1%	4%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%
Athletics	12%	14%	10%	4%	7%	9%	13%	17%	12%	12%
Badminton	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Baseball or Softball	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Basketball	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Boxing	11%	17%	5%	10%	11%	13%	11%	10%	10%	13%
Bullfighting	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%
Cricket	16%	24%	8%	6%	9%	14%	13%	22%	17%	15%
Cycling	8%	11%	5%	2%	5%	7%	12%	10%	9%	7%
Darts	8%	11%	4%	5%	4%	10%	8%	9%	6%	10%
Diving	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Equestrian	3%	1%	5%	2%	1%	2%	2%	6%	3%	3%
Esports	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	-	0%	1%	0%
Field hockey	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
Figure Skating	4%	1%	6%	1%	0%	4%	1%	7%	3%	5%
Fishing	2%	3%	1%	-	0%	2%	0%	4%	1%	3%
Football	33%	46%	19%	24%	28%	35%	39%	33%	32%	34%
Golf	8%	12%	3%	2%	4%	5%	7%	12%	7%	9%
Gymnastics	6%	3%	8%	3%	4%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%
Handball	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hiking	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%
Horse riding	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Hunting	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Ice Hockey	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Ice skating	3%	1%	6%	2%	2%	3%	1%	6%	3%	4%
Indy car	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
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Martial Arts	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Motorsports	13%	20%	6%	6%	8%	11%	14%	17%	11%	15%	15%
Netball	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Pilates or yoga	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Pool, Snooker or Billiards	8%	12%	4%	4%	5%	7%	5%	12%	7%	9%	9%
Rowing	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Rugby League	7%	9%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	9%	6%	8%	8%
Rugby Union	21%	29%	13%	10%	16%	16%	22%	27%	23%	18%	18%
Running	4%	5%	4%	1%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Sailing	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Shooting	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Skateboarding	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Skiing	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	1%	4%	6%	4%	3%	3%
Snowboarding	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Squash or Racketball	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
Swimming	5%	4%	7%	2%	4%	4%	6%	7%	4%	6%	6%
Table Tennis	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Tennis	16%	15%	17%	9%	10%	11%	17%	22%	17%	15%	15%
Multisport competitions (i.e. triathlon, pentathlon)	3%	3%	4%	1%	1%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%
Volleyball	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Water sports (e.g. Water skiing, Surfing, Snorkelling)	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	1%
Not applicable - I do not watch or follow any sport	36%	25%	46%	43%	40%	39%	34%	31%	35%	37%	37%

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Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
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28%	26%	31%	30%	26%	28%	26%	30%	30%	27%
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21%	23%	19%	15%	19%	19%	25%	22%	22%	19%
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None of these	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
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Don't know	10%	9%	10%	14%	7%	10%	7%	10%	9%	10%
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None of these

Don't know

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28%	25%	25%	25%	29%	34%	28%	34%	30%
21%	24%	18%	22%	15%	20%	20%	22%	24%
2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%
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2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%
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The winners/ losers should be whichever team(s) is/are winning/ losing currently

29%	32%	27%	26%	32%	32%	36%	26%	30%	28%
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The winners/ losers should be calculated by the league according to the likelihood of who would win the remaining, unfulfilled fixtures (e.g. by calculating likely points totals for the unfulfilled matches and awarding them to teams)

17%	19%	16%	21%	16%	17%	21%	16%	19%	15%
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Other

3%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%
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Don't know

14%	12%	16%	13%	12%	14%	12%	16%	13%	15%
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Not applicable - there should be no winners or losers this year

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All major sports events should be held as scheduled, with spectators present	4%	5%	2%	6%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Each event is unique and must be considered on a case by case basis	23%	23%	24%	23%	25%	19%	23%	25%	25%	22%
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All major sports events should be held as scheduled, with spectators present		4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	1%
Each event is unique and must be considered on a case by case basis		23%	24%	21%	25%	29%	22%	24%	17%	23%
Don't know		7%	6%	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%	8%	9%

# YouGov Results - Sports and coronavirus

Sample: 2,026 GB adults

16th - 17th March 2020



Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade	
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE

sports\_followed. Which, if any, of the following sports do you watch / follow? Please select all that apply. By watch / follow, we mean that you either actively read about the sport on a regular basis, watch live broadcasts or highlights of matches/events online or TV, or attend matches/events in person.

Unweighted base

2026	935	1091	199	338	316	350	823	1210	816
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RSP\_Q5. For the following question, please imagine there was a way to continue holding major sports events during the coronavirus outbreak... Which, if any, of the following statements do you agree with? (Please select all that apply)

Unweighted base

2026	935	1091	199	338	316	350	823	1210	816
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Base: All GB adults

2026	983	1043	225	335	311	345	810	1155	871
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Major sporting events are good for the nation's spirits  
 Major sporting events are not important in the grand scheme of things  
 Major sporting events are important for the UK economy  
 Major sporting events are vital for the survival of sports clubs and leagues  
 Major sporting events are a welcome distraction  
 Continuing to hold major sporting events is important for the integrity of the competitions  
 None of these  
 Don't know

42%	46%	39%	38%	42%	45%	48%	40%	48%	34%
35%	36%	35%	39%	40%	36%	35%	32%	37%	33%
39%	43%	36%	34%	45%	43%	44%	34%	43%	34%
35%	40%	30%	27%	36%	33%	42%	35%	38%	32%
37%	41%	33%	39%	39%	40%	41%	32%	42%	29%
15%	18%	12%	10%	14%	15%	16%	16%	16%	13%
6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	7%
10%	7%	12%	11%	9%	11%	10%	10%	8%	13%

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Total	Region							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	England (NET)	Wales	Scotland

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Unweighted base

2026	498	336	170	219	512	1735	104	187
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RSP\_Q5. For the following question, please imagine there was a way to continue holding major sports events during the coronavirus outbreak... Which, if any, of the following statements do you agree with? (Please select all that apply)

Unweighted base

2026	498	336	170	219	512	1735	104	187
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Base: All GB adults

2026	484	334	169	274	489	1750	99	176
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Major sporting events are good for the nation's spirits	42%	43%	43%	42%	37%	45%	43%	40%	39%
Major sporting events are not important in the grand scheme of things	35%	37%	32%	32%	33%	37%	35%	35%	38%
Major sporting events are important for the UK economy	39%	38%	44%	41%	33%	40%	39%	35%	38%
Major sporting events are vital for the survival of sports clubs and leagues	35%	38%	37%	36%	26%	36%	35%	33%	39%
Major sporting events are a welcome distraction	37%	35%	34%	37%	36%	41%	37%	26%	39%
Continuing to hold major sporting events is important for the integrity of the competitions	15%	16%	15%	17%	13%	14%	15%	12%	16%
None of these	6%	4%	6%	9%	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%
Don't know	10%	10%	8%	8%	14%	8%	10%	13%	12%

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RSP\_Q6. For the following question, please imagine that in the event that domestic sport leagues are paused and the next opportunity to complete them overlaps with international sports fixtures or tournaments (e.g. Euro 2020 etc.) Which ONE of the following do you think should take priority? (Please select the option that best applies)

	Unweighted base	2026	935	1091	199	338	316	350	823	1210	816
<b>Base: All GB adults</b>	2026	983	1043	225	335	311	345	810	1155	871	
The completion of domestic leagues/competitions	32%	42%	23%	18%	28%	35%	37%	35%	34%	30%	
International fixtures/tournaments	12%	13%	11%	19%	17%	12%	12%	8%	14%	8%	
Both should have equal priority	29%	24%	33%	24%	27%	26%	26%	32%	25%	33%	
Don't know	28%	21%	34%	39%	28%	27%	24%	26%	27%	28%	

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Both should have equal priority		29%	28%	29%	29%	30%	29%	29%	22%	29%
Don't know		28%	25%	26%	29%	31%	26%	27%	37%	29%

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