



COVID 19 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR MATCHES

FA Guidelines on returning to play outdoor competitive grass roots football

Date: 22 nd August 2020 Review date: 14 th August 2020 when we have a better understanding of the League position regarding matches				
This risk assessment is written based on the Covid-19 guidance on re-starting football activity, version published: 18 July 2020. Issued by the FA - Guidelines on returning to play outdoor competitive grass roots football. The document was specifically updated to reflect changes to social distancing guidelines which came into effect on the 4 th July. Social distancing guidelines should be followed between people from different households wherever possible. From July, this means a distance of two metres between people from different households, or one metre plus mitigations (such as face coverings or avoiding face-to-face contact) where 2m is not possible. The aim of the risk assessment is the identification of control measures to reduce risks to the lowest reasonably practicable level by the implementation of preventative measures and mitigating actions.				
TASK	HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	RISK Low/Medium/ High	CONTROLS REQUIRED	ADDITIONAL CONTROLS
Individuals - Prior to matches	Individuals may have virus or symptoms of virus	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow Public Health England guidelines i.e if you have a fever, cough or other symptoms contact your healthcare provider, inform your manager and DO NOT attend your match. - All individuals to be made aware of our risk assessment. - Changing rooms will be closed to reduce transmission (if impractical see below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If in doubt, individuals should not attend matches. - Each coach will keep a record of attendees at a match (as for training session), including contact details, to support NHS Test and Trace. (stored for a minimum of 21 days) - Players should use the toilet at home before attending training or matches as no toilets will be open on site. - Players will need to bring their own water bottles, hand sanitiser and if necessary sun screen, all labelled with their name. - All players should come in full kit, including football boots as changing rooms will be closed.

Before, during and after a match	Transfer of virus via individuals	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All equipment to be cleaned before and after use. i.e. goal posts, corner flags and, if supplied by the club, linesman flags, also footballs during breaks. -There should be no sharing of kit or gloves. Social distancing rules should apply where possible during warm ups and cool downs. -No handshakes before or after a match. - No group celebrations - No spitting or chewing gum during training Loud shouting whilst in close proximity others should be avoided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It will be the responsibility for each coach to ensure the equipment is disinfected regularly, spray will be supplied by the Club. This will need to be undertaken before and after use. - Bibs will be issued to individual players and should not be swapped with substitutes. Initials can be written on these and parents/carers will be responsible for cleaning. - Players and coaches should bring their own hand gel to use before and after matches. - Subs and coaches should social distance with extra seats outside dugouts. -Referees should be paid electronically where possible (or in an envelope if paying cash)- to agree with referee earlier in the week. -Players and coaches to social distance in any breaks in play.
During a match	Injuries or incidents	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coach with FA First Aid cover available - Emergency procedure available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a player gets injured and a member of their household or support bubble is on site they can assist but others will still need to socially distance unless a life threatening, or serious injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care. - If a coach is required to administer first aid then they should wear appropriate PPE to protect both parties.
Spectators	Individuals may have virus or symptoms of virus.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social distancing rules should apply. -Where possible spectators should watch from their cars. Contact details will be gathered from all spectators for Contact and trace details. -signage will advise spectators to keep to social distancing rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Spectators should avoid congregating,
Player Drop off and	Players or drivers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents or drivers will be encouraged to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Players will be asked to make their way to the

collection	(responsible adult) may breach distancing guidelines and congregate.		remain in their car or come back after the match. players should leave as soon as is practical after their match. - Parents will not be allowed to bring other children in their car if they are not in their household or bubble. We would encourage players not to use public transport if at all possible.	pitch and not to wait around in groups. - The club will co-ordinate matches to ensure no overcrowding.
Allocation of teams to handle capacity	Too many people in a local area	High	Teams' match times staggered with 45 minutes between finish of one match and start of another (per pitch) to allow for social distancing and for car parking.	- Schedule in place to manage allocation - Teams allocated specific pitches to use.

Note: When arranging a match with the opposition the manager should make the opposing manager aware of the expectations around COVID that the club has.
Away matches: Conversely, you should ask the host manager what expectations they have of you when visiting. You may wish to exchange match risk assessments with the opposing manager: this is acceptable.
 Parents will not be allowed to bring other children to matches in their car if they are not in their household or bubble. We would discourage the use public transport.

If symptoms by any individual are reported after a match – contact and trace procedures to be followed. **Coaches will be responsible for collecting contact details: it is suggested that this is delegated to a parent rep (who could also deal with collecting match fees etc)**

Permission needs to be granted from parents to allow them to take part in upcoming matches.

Overview of COVID Risk Assessment for **matches** – see Club website for full risk assessment.

<p>Social distancing guidelines should be followed between people from different households wherever possible.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For coaches</p> <p>When arranging matches with opposing teams: Note: When arranging a match with the opposition the manager should make the opposing manager aware of the expectations around COVID that the club has. Inform them that changing rooms will remain closed and that players should arrive changed and teams to bring their own water. (and to toilet at home before leaving)</p> <p>Away matches: Conversely, you should ask the host manager what expectations they have of you when visiting. You may wish to exchange match risk assessments with the opposing manager: this is acceptable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach – or team rep – will take contact details for anyone (players and spectators) attending a match (details stored for a minimum of 21 days) • All equipment to be cleaned before and after use. i.e. goal posts, corner flags and, if supplied by the club, linesman flags, also footballs during breaks. (manager responsibility – can be delegated) • There should be no sharing of kit, bibs or gloves. • Social distancing rules should apply where possible during warm ups and cool downs. • No handshakes before or after a match. • Players and coaches should bring their own hand gel to use before and after matches. • Subs and coaches should socially distance with extra seats outside dugouts. • Referees should be paid electronically where possible (or in an envelope if paying cash)- to agree with referee earlier in the week. • Players and coaches to social distance in any breaks in play. • If a coach is required to administrator first aid then they should wear appropriate PPE to protect both parties.
<p style="text-align: center;">For players</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an individual – spectator or player- has potential symptoms they should inform the manager and not attend the match. • Changing rooms will be closed – managers to inform visiting teams that they should arrive changed and bring their own water. • Players should use the toilet at home before attending matches. • No handshakes before or after a match. • Social distancing rules should apply where possible during warm ups and cool downs. • No group celebrations • No spitting or chewing gum before, during or after the match. • Loud shouting whilst in close proximity others should be avoided. • Players and coaches should bring their own hand gel to use before and after matches • Subs and coaches should socially distance with extra seats outside dugouts. • Players and coaches to social distance in any breaks in play. • Players and spectators should not gather around in groups before or after a match
<p style="text-align: center;">For spectators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an individual – spectator or player- has potential symptoms they should inform the manager and not attend the match. • Social distances rules should apply. Spectators should avoid congregating, • Where possible spectators should watch from their cars. • Contact details will be gathered from all spectators for Contact and trace purposes. • Players and spectators should not gather around in groups before or after a match
<p style="text-align: center;">Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will not be allowed to bring other children in their car to or from matches if they are not in their household or bubble. Avoid public transport where possible.
<p style="text-align: center;">Injury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a player gets injured and a member of their household or support bubble is on site they can assist but others will still need to socially distance unless a life threatening, or serious injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care.
<p style="text-align: center;">Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club will co-ordinate matches to ensure no overcrowding. Teams’ match times staggered with 45 minutes between finish of one match and start of another (per pitch) to allow for social distancing and for car parking. • The club will continue to investigate appropriate signage.

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