

RETURN TO COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL RISK ASSESSMENT 25/03/2021

Potential Risk	Who might be harmed	Actions	Action By	When
Travel to sessions	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Follow Government guidance for travel, including minimising use of public transport. Adults and children should only travel with a member of their household or someone within their 'support bubble'. Please note that separated parents, living in different households and those in 'support bubbles' announced by Government on 10 June 2020, can also car share.	Coaches, Parents/Carers, Players	Prior to session and arriving at session
Lack of changing rooms/ toilet facilities	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Active participants should arrive changed into clean kit and ready to take part. Toilet facilities may still be closed. Players are advised to use the toilet before coming to training.	Players/ Parents/Guardians	Before every session
Complying with NHS Test & Trace	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Coaches must take a register of attendees to EVERY session and keep a copy for a minimum of 21 days in case the data is required by NHS Test and Trace. All home matches will have the NHS Track & Trace QR code available for checking in.	Club Officials	At the start of every session
Player with symptoms attending	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Everyone should self-assess for Covid-19 symptoms before every training session or match. If anyone is symptomatic or living in a household with possible or actual Covid-19 infection they must not participate or attend. They should stay home and follow the latest Government guidance & let the team manager know at their earliest convenience. If a participant says they forgot to self-check before their arrival, then the coach should ask them the health check questions before they join any group at the facility. If they answer 'yes' to one or more of the questions, participants must not take part in the activity and should be told to safely return home. Please refer to The FA First-Aid guidance, for how to manage the situation if anyone appears to be symptomatic during the session. You can find this guidance on The FA.com.	Lead Coach, Parents/Carers, Players	Before session / constant
Competitive Football	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	In competitive football activities the club must ensure a safety briefing is provided before the commencement of any fixture, this is the responsibility of the home manager. This briefing will remind both sets of players and officials about their responsibilities in complying with the Code of Behaviour.	Coaches	At the start of every session
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Players contact with each other during a session	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive training can take place for all participants, in an outdoor setting provided this takes place in groups of no more than 30 (including coaches). Competitive match play is permitted, with social distancing in place before and after the session, and in any breaks in play. When the ball goes out of play, it should not be retrieved by non-participants and should be retrieved using the feet rather than the hands where possible. Set plays: players are encouraged to avoid unnecessarily long set-up or close marking. Other modifications apply to specific situations, such as goal celebrations being discouraged. There should be no pre-match handshake. Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible. 	Coaches, Players	During session
Players contact with coach at training	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Youth football coaches are encouraged to limit persistent proximity of participants during match play and training.	Coaches, Players	During session
Parents/Carers contact whilst viewing Matches & training	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Parents/Carers will be asked to view from specific areas which will be a minimum distance away from the match / training session. Where clubs and facilities can accommodate this safely, one parent/carer per youth player is permitted to be present at football activities, although they must observe the relevant Government Covid-19 guidance.	Lead Coach, Parents/Carers	During session
Contact with equipment	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	<p>Clean equipment between uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lead coach will regularly maintain the equipment hygiene e.g. balls, cones, goalposts and bibs; Thoroughly clean the equipment e.g. balls, cones, goalposts, etc.; Bibs should not be used unless they can be washed between sessions. <p>Limit sharing of equipment where possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure equipment is handled as little as possible by as few people as possible; Each participant should bring to training their own water bottles, sun cream and medication each of which should be clearly labelled with their name. <p>Have strict hand hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If individuals are going to share equipment, including balls, always ensure the individuals' hands are thoroughly cleansed using alcohol-based hand gel, if clean running water and soap are not available, before and after use. 	Lead Coach, Players	Before, during and after session
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Contact during First Aid	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	A member of the player's social bubble must remain on-hand to administer basic first aid if required. If a member of the players' social bubble is unable to attend, physical contact should be kept to a minimum, and those administering first aid should wear PPE appropriate to the circumstances. Wash hands and ensure the affected area is cleaned upon completion	Lead Coach, Parents	Before session and during session
FA Code of Behaviour	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Participants must not spit and should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other, as detailed in The FA Covid-19 Code of Behaviour.	All	At all sessions
Vulnerable People	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	Anyone who is deemed vulnerable in respect of Covid-19 is reminded to follow the Government's guidance, only returning to football when it's right for them to do so.	Vulnerable People	Always
Leaving Sessions	Players/ Parents/Carers / The wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants should bring their own named hand sanitiser to all sessions. Hands should be washed at the earliest opportunity and personal equipment should be wiped down with a disinfectant. Participants should take their kit home and wash it themselves including sanitising boots, or by family members. Post- activity showers should be taken at home. Everyone must continue to maintain social distancing including in any facilities where groups of people congregate (e.g. clubhouses). Everyone should leave following the traffic-flow system the club or facility provider has put place. <p>Anyone who becomes infected after training/matches should report this to the NHS test and trace system and to Leighton Park Rangers F.C</p>	Players/ Parents & Guardians / Coaches	After every session
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