

Risk Assessment – Spencerswood Football Club

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This risk assessment covers the playing of matches and training both at Ryeish Green Sports Hub, Oakbank pitches and mini kickers located at Spencers Wood recreational ground.

Home matches take place at Ryeish Green Sports Hub and Oakbank pitches and training takes place at Ryeish Green Sports Hub.

Details of first aid, parking, spectator procedures and venue information is provided to all players, parents and opposition teams coming to the venue to play or watch matches. Wokingham Borough Council are responsible for the maintenance of Oakbank pitches, Places Leisure the 3G and Shinfield Parish Council the recreation ground.

Area of risk	Persons at risk	Controls	Action	Responsivity and date
Medical conditions, injury / illness at training and matches	Players	Parents / guardians to provide details of any medical conditions, allergies or issues to managers and at point of registration. Managers to review all medical information provided and seek additional information from parents / guardians where appropriate	Ensure all managers / coaches are aware of the location of the AED and emergency action plan First aid training to be carried out	Chair or safeguarding lead to ensure managers / coaches are aware of the AED location and the Emergency Action plan Welfare officer to ensure all teams have a

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		First aid trained coach / manager in each team to be present at all matches and training sessions All managers / coaches to bring a first aid kit to the matches and to training. All first aid equipment is replaced or replenished at the beginning of the season. Managers are responsible for replacing and maintaining their first aid kits AED provided at Sports Hub and the club have a mobile one located in the container at the back of the grass pitches		registered first aider at all matches and training
Injury because of pitch conditions i.e. Ice, unfit pitch, waterlogged pitch or struck by flying objects during high winds. Struck by lighting Animal faeces on the pitch	Players, managers, coaches, officials and visitors.	Pitches checked prior to matches by managers / coaches and referees. If there are safety concerns the match will not proceed such as identifiable hazards like large holes or uneven parts what would cause injury. Animal faeces are removed from the pitch and rubbish	Regular pitch inspections	Managers, coaches, club officials and referees to check pitches before all matches and training

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		Pitch inspections are completed the evening or in the morning before matches if there is a risk that the pitches will not be playable due to poor weather conditions, this would identify if the pitches were frozen or waterlogged etc Goals to be inspected by the referee prior matches Where there is a risk of lighting and thunder managers / coaches must take players, and spectators to a safe place as soon as possible Where it is not possible to get to safety then players should get low to the ground Thunderstorm Guidance - Cumberland FA		

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Persons injured because of in correct attire at training and matches Cut or abrasion from sharpened studs	Players	All players to wear the correct equipment including boots, shin pads and football kit during matches and training No jewellery to worn during matches and training Incorrect studs are not to be worn during matches and training	Managers / coaches to check all players attire prior to games and training	Managers / coaches to check all players attire prior to games and training
Child Protection, bullying, verbal and physical abuse. Including verbal and physical abuse of managers / coaches	Players, managers / coaches & visitors	All managers / coaches are DBS certificated and receive safeguarding training Player's code of conduct is set out, and all players sign that they have read and understood this Coaches and club officials code of conduct is set out Parents & carers code of conduct is set out and signed to state that they have read and understood this	Code of conducts in place DBS Certification and safeguarding training in place	Chair to communicate codes of conduct on an ongoing basis to coaches / managers Welfare officer to ensure all mangers, coaches and club officials have safeguarding training and are DBS certified

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Concussion during matches or training	Players / coaches	FA Guidance is available on the management of concussion All teams will have a trained first aider present at each game or training session who will assess players for concussion and follow the return to play standards	Ensure that all coaches are aware of the guidance and protocols around the management of concussion. Guidance .	Chair to remind all managers / coaches about concussion Welfare officer to ensure all teams have a registered first aider at all matches and training

A copy of this risk assessment must be distributed to all managers / coaches by the Chairman or safeguarding lead.

This risk assessment does not replace any Government or PHE advice; nor does it provide any specific commentary or advice on health-related issues. Affected persons should therefore ensure that they seek independent advice from medical practitioners, or healthcare providers, prior to any return to football activity, as required.

SWFC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all Team Managers, coaches, Club Officials, and Parents/Carers to share this commitment.