

Risk Assessment – Competitive Football

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This risk assessment has been produced in line with the FA's guidelines issued on 8th September 2021. The club is unable to take any liability of responsibility for failure of teams to adhere to the terms of this risk assessment. All parents/carers must complete and sign a consent form before their child is permitted to take part in a regulated training session.

A further assessment will need to take place alongside the risk assessments carried out by Places Leisure, Wokingham Borough Council on any return to the sites. Guidance provided by EBFA on the running of the league will also need to be considered. Constant review is essential.

Whilst many restrictions have been lifted regarding COVID19 it is important that we continue to be cautious and reduce the potential spread as far as possible. This is especially necessary for vulnerable groups, children, and their families.

Area of risk	Person/Group Responsible	Risk	Action	Review post activity and by whom
Training and matches	Coaches	COVID spread to players, coaches and parents / guardians.	Coaches to run the sessions and play the matches in line with the FA Guidance for restarting outdoor Football	
Insurance	Club Secretary	Is the relevant insurance in place?	PL cover & PA cover as part of B&B FA affiliation.	Completed as part of affiliation

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Facilities	Covid Officer / Facilities	Places Leisure and WBC have provided their own risk assessments for the venue.		
League	Covid officer / EBFA	EBFA rules to be provided	Need to communicate to the opposition depending on EBFA	
Medical	Coaches - Vulnerable groups	<p>Creating a safe environment for vulnerable groups. Have you considered the needs of all children, parents/carers or family members that might be vulnerable i.e in a shielded category?</p> <p>AED provided at Sports Hub and at the grass pitches for use in an emergency.</p>	<p>Ensure that the AED is provided in a set location on match days and that all coaches are aware of it location.</p> <p>Coaches have reviewed all medical declarations and sought additional information from parents where appropriate.</p>	

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Training Groups & Matches	Welfare Officers / Coaches	As per FA guidelines - You can organise a training session for up to 30 people including coaches. At least 1 coach at the session must be FA level 1 qualified. There must be a minimum of 2 FA DBS checked adults in attendance at all times. Anyone attending either training or a game should notify the team manager prior to the activity commencing and the Team Manager should retain a list of attendees for 21 days to support NHS track and trace initiatives	Parents have been provided with guidelines and provided consent. Coaches are minimum level 1 qualified. A message will be sent out to parents to confirm attendance at least 24 hours before every session or match. And a list of attendees to be retained by the manager.	
Coaches Injured/ill at session	Coaches - injury or illness of a coach	If a coach of FA DBS checked adult suffers any injury or illness and minimum ratios are compromised the session must be stopped immediately.	Coaches have all parents contact details with them and will request immediate pick up should such an event occur.	
Symptoms of covid-19	Coaches - symptoms of Covid-19	If a coach or any child or parent/carer who is attending the session shows any symptoms of Covid-19 infection or have been in contact with someone displaying symptoms or diagnosed with Covid-19 within the last two weeks, they should not attend and should seek medical advice. Coaches should ask that parents/carers self-assess their child before each activity. If a child becomes		

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		<p>symptomatic during a session, they must be taken home immediately.</p> <p>Players who are under 18 and 6 months do not have to self-isolate if they are a close contact, but they need to take a PCR test and consider if they have any symptoms of COVID 19. If they do show symptoms, then they should not attend matches or training sessions. Coaches, parents, and carers who are over 18 and 6 months and have been double vaccinated also do not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact.</p>		
Training kit/equipment	Coaches	<p>The Previous FA guidance setting out required adaptations to the playing of the game have been removed as we move into step four of the route map.</p> <p>Remain vigilant and respectful of individuals / teams who may not wish to complete certain aspects i.e. shaking hands before or after the game.</p> <p>In addition to water, children must be asked to bring their own hand sanitiser which must be used at the start and end of a session and where appropriate.</p> <p>Children must also supply their own tissues.</p>		

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		Children must arrive changed and ready to exercise. All other FA kit regulations remain current.		
Spectators	Coaches - spectators	<p>Where possible parents/carers should remain within proximity to the venue and remain alert to being contacted by a coach should they be required to collect their child immediately or assist in first aid.</p> <p>Parents/carers should be encouraged to avoid close contact during the matches.</p>		
Lack of qualifications & lack of	Coaches /	Any coach involved must be DBS cleared	Coaches are DBS cleared,	
available courses	Welfare officer	<p>At least one coach must be trained in first aid and safeguarding.</p> <p>No child should be training on a 1:1 basis unless the coach has been DBS cleared and undertaken relevant safeguarding training.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the coaches to ensure the above is adhered to and the Welfare Officers are advised of any changes.</p> <p>Failure to do will result in the immediate termination of any training offering for that team.</p>	<p>have valid safeguarding certs and will have a valid first aid cert.</p> <p>Coaches have a good understanding of any anxiety issues.</p> <p>Coaches who are in need of updated qualifications or are new to volunteering will need to register their interest, so they are notified of when the courses resume.</p>	

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		<p>Please consider the needs of children that may be anxious at this time. You may need to consider altering your communication style to suit individual children's needs.</p> <p>Safeguarding is as relevant now as it has ever been. Should a coach have any concerns they need to be reported to one of the Welfare Officers – Warran Lamb / Tuula McClatchie</p> <p>Alternatively, they can be reported to the Berks and Bucks safeguarding officer at Safeguarding@Berks-BucksFA.com</p>		
Providing first aid	Coaches /Parents/Carers	<p>If a child becomes injured and they cannot be treated by maintaining social distancing guidelines, the parent/carer must attend to the child unless it is life or limb threatening.</p> <p>First Aid kits must be taken to all activities and maintained.</p> <p>Disposable gloves and face masks should also be included in the First Aid kit and worn before performing first aid.</p> <p>An AED is available at the Sports Hub and on the grass pitches in the event of an emergency.</p>	<p>As per parent consent form. Coaches have ensured the first aid kit is maintained and disposable face masks and gloves are available.</p> <p>Coaches to update themselves on the FA First Aid advice Click here</p>	

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Concussion	Players / coaches	<p>New guidance is available on the management of concussion within both training and matches.</p> <p>This includes recognising concussion, what to do and returning to play.</p>	<p>Ensure that all coaches are aware of the new guidance and protocols around the management of concussion. Guidance</p>	
Staying alert	Coaches - Staying Alert	<p>Any concerns must be raised immediately to the SWFC committee.</p> <p>Children should be actively encouraged to use hand sanitiser and washing of hands as often as possible.</p> <p>If a child is coughing or sneezing encourage them to use a tissue or a sleeve if necessary. Discourage them from touching their face.</p> <p>The Coach is reminded to check the Government website to obtain the most up-to-date information regarding social distancing and any other Government measures.</p>	Noted by all managers	

A copy of this risk assessment must be distributed to all coaches.

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/Club Officials and Parents/Carers to share this commitment.