



Risk Assessment: Football Activity Plan and Controls

Task	Player, Personnel and Parent Safety (COVID-19)	Issued	11/08/2020	Assessment No:	001
Activity	Football training sessions and other footballing activities	Location	Publicly accessible fields, hired pitches at sports venues and official league sanctioned venues		

People at Risk	Players	Coaches	Parents	Public	Passers By
Confirm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Tick all relevant hazards below – these illustrations are not exhaustive – use ‘Task Specific Hazard’ overleaf to document other hazards

Slip/Trip Hazard	Manual Handling	Machinery	Fall from Height	Contact with Electricity	Hazardous Substance	Vehicle	Verbal/Physical Assault	Noise / Dust	Confined Spaces	Open Water	Fire / Bomb Risk	Radiation	Biological	Adverse Weather	Working For Client
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The risk assessment has identified that there is no mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) that is always necessary. However, the assessment has identified occasions where PPE should be used, and these occasions are documented in the Task Specific Hazard section of this assessment.

This risk assessment applies to all training sessions and matches that take place on public grass, other artificial surfaces and official leaguer sanctioned venues, and also to training sessions and matches that take place at leisure facilities, including any schools
 must not take place indoors or at any other type of premise. Indoor football and futsal are not permitted.



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Task Specific Hazard	Pre-Control Risk Rating			Control Measure(s)	Post-Control Risk Rating		
	Likelihood	Severity	Rating		Likelihood	Severity	Rating
Wellbeing COVID-19 Symptoms	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before travelling to a session or other footballing activity, each participant and accompanying parent or carer must undertake the 'Self-Screen Check' as set out in the Safety Summary section. If they answer 'yes' to any one of the screening questions, then they should not travel to the training session or footballing activity. Before the session or activity commences, each participant and attending parent or carer should hand to the coach leading the activity their completed self-screen check. The coach should check that the self-screen check is negative for all participants. The lead coach should maintain a record of attendance of each training session or footballing activity, which should be provided to the Club. For the avoidance of doubt, a parent and carer who travel to the location and stays in their car is still required to self-screen check. However, this self-screen check does not need handing to the coaches. Individuals who are advised to stay at home under existing Government guidance should not physically attend training sessions. This includes individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 as well as those who live in a household with someone who has symptoms. 	1	5	5
Travel to and from Training	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible parents should drop their children off and leave the area until the session has finished OR wait in their vehicles OR maintain separate social distancing 'gatherings' of no more than 6 people. You should only share a car with people from your household or support bubble. Individuals cannot under any circumstances offer transportation for those outside of their household or support bubble. 	1	5	5



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Social Distancing	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training sessions and football activities should be carefully planned by coaches to ensure they are structured to meet Government guidance. • 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). • Goal celebrations should be avoided. • Cones should be used to mark out the session or activity area, and each social distancing gathering area. • Any persons not adhering to the guidance and social distancing rules will be asked to leave the grounds. • All attendees are asked to use toilet facilities before they attend the session. 	1	5	5
Personal Hygiene	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep hands away from mouth, eyes, nose, ears and face. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze. Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards. • Cover all cuts and broken skin with waterproof plasters. • Once competitive match play is permitted, players and officials should sanitise hands before and after a game as well as scheduled breaks throughout a game or training session. • Wash your hands with soap and water before and after attending training or a footballing activity – do this for at least 20 seconds. • Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell. 	1	5	5
Access and Egress	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each set of participants must arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before their designated training time • Each set of participants must leave the premises immediately at the end of their training. • The 2m social distance must always be observed when entering and leaving the training area 	1	5	5



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Cleaning and Sanitising Equipment	3	5	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequently clean training equipment between uses, using suitable disinfectant / cleaning products Frequently clean all objects, equipment, and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as goal posts / posts and training equipment and ensure there are adequate disposal arrangements in place All items of equipment to be decontaminated using disinfectant wipes or disinfectant (applied to clean cloth then applied to equipment) after each use Football activity equipment should be shared only when necessary. Where possible, only coaches should handle equipment in training. Goalkeepers should ensure they disinfect their gloves regularly in breaks in training or matches and thoroughly afterwards. Water bottles and personal items (clearly labelled) must be stored separately and at least 1 metre away from others. Designated areas will be marked within the training or activity zone. 	1	5	5
Waste	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used cleaning materials must be placed into a secure bin liner which should only be used for the disposal of cleaning equipment and should be disposed by the coach in their waste bin All personal items of waste e.g. drinks bottles, snack wrappers etc. must be removed and taken home by the individual and disposed of in their own waste bin. No waste is to be left at the facility under any circumstances. A sweep of the area must take place by each coach to ensure waste is identified and removed by the owner. 	1	3	3
First Aid	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Aid can only be administered in severe circumstances by the coaches as per FA training and only if the coach and parent / player agree. PPE will be provided for staff and children for use in emergency First Aid circumstances including disposable face mask, sanitiser, anti-bacterial wipes and disposable gloves. 	1	5	5



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Where reference has been made to 'coaches' this also includes team managers and other team officials that may be at the training session.

Assessors Statement:	
Having reviewed the hazards and risks, the level of risk and the key risks, I believe that if the control measures identified are applied this will, so far as is reasonably practicable, have met the requirements of this assessment.	
Date Completed	11/08/2020
Name of Assessor: Role: Signature:	Stephen Haigh Secretary Stephen Haigh
Assessment Review Date:	05/01/2021

		Risk Rating					
Potential Severity	Fatality	Fatality	5	10	15	20	25
	Permanent Disability	Very Serious	4	8	12	16	20
	Temporary disability, fractures, etc	Serious	3	6	9	12	15
	Injuries such as laceration, strains, sprains	Moderate	2	4	6	8	10
	Injuries such as cuts, bruising, etc	Minor	1	2	3	4	5

	Low Risk - Monitor periodically
	Medium Risk - Active management
	High Risk - Implementation plan

	Improbable	Low	Medium	High	Near Certainty
	1/1,000,000	1/10,000	1/1,000	1,100	1/10
	Likelihood of Occurrence				

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Safety Summary

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Additional Task Precautions			
Information, instruction and training applicable to the controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents to receive a copy of the COVID-19 Risk Assessment and adhere to instructions • Training and football activity timings and locations to be communicated to all participants and adhered to at all times • Training and football activity timings and locations to be communicated to the Club at least 1 hour prior to the start of the training or footballing activity 		
Self-Screen Check	<p>Each participant should self-screen prior to the arrival at training or any footballing activity to ensure they do not have any of the following symptoms (confirmed by a parent for those under the age of 18), as these are potential indicators of COVID-19 infection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature (above 37.8 C) • New continuous cough • Shortness of breath • Sore throat • Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell • Feeling generally unwell • Been in close contact with or living with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous two weeks 		
Specialist equipment required	<p>First Aid can only be administered in severe circumstances by the coaches as per FA training and only if the coach and parent / player agree. PPE will be provided for staff and children for use in emergency First Aid circumstances including disposable face mask, sanitiser, anti-bacterial wipes and disposable gloves.</p>		
Other safety information	<p>All control measures within the risk assessment must always be followed. Breaching these controls will result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the premises.</p>		

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Club Chairman Signature					
Assessor Signature					
Date					

Review of the task and associated hazards is to be carried out at least annually or following a change in guidance or legislation