

# FARINGDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



## RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE RETURN TO MATCHES DURING COVID-19

**COMPLETED BY:** Adam Bradley - Head Of Youth Development

**VENUE:** Tucker Park, Park Road, Faringdon, Oxon, SN77BP

HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RISK CONTROL MEASURES IN PLACE	RISK LEVEL	ACTION REQUIRED
Child protection	Player	<p>DBS checked coaches.</p> <p>Parents/Carers to remain during the match - <b>where possible</b> - and maintain social distancing throughout.</p> <p>Applies to players under the age of 18.</p>	Low	<b>Parents/Carers are to remain within a 3 mile radius of Tucker Park so that they can be contacted should a major injury occur.</b>
General state of the pitch	Player and Coach	<p>Any dog mess to be cleared prior to the start of the match</p> <p>Players and Coaches <b>must</b> refrain from spitting.</p>	Low / Medium	
Smoking	Coaches	Coaches are reminded that smoking - both tobacco and vaping - is strictly prohibited before, during and after matches. This is a new league rule and <b>must</b> be adhered to.	Low	

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Changing rooms and toilets	Players and Coaches	<p>Use of the changing rooms is <b>not</b> permitted at this time. <b>One</b> member from each management team can enter the changing rooms to store players bags and only that person can re-enter the changing room to collect the bags at the end of the game.</p> <p>A toilet will be made available and a one way system will be in place for use of this.</p> <p>Players and Managers/Coaches to go home immediately after the game to shower.</p> <p>Access to the clubhouse is <b>not</b> permitted to Players or Managers/Coaches unless they have been home to shower first.</p>	Low	Person using the toilet should ensure it is disinfected afterwards.
Weather extremes	Players and Coaches	<p>Lead coach to make a decision based on the condition of the pitch. The interests and safety of the players are paramount.</p> <p>In extreme conditions, the match will be postponed / cancelled.</p>	Low / Medium	
Hand hygiene	Players and Coaches	<p>Players are required to bring their own hand sanitiser to each match which must be taken out and placed with their own drinks bottle next to the pitch.</p> <p>Hands are to be cleaned before, during and after matches.</p>	Medium / High	Hands <b>must</b> be cleaned before the match can begin and should be cleaned at half time and full time.

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<p>Footwear / Kit</p> <p>Inappropriate footwear for conditions (Danger of slipping / risk of injury)</p> <p>Sharp studs</p>	Player and Coach	<p>Coaches and Players to wear appropriate footwear to prevent slipping in wet conditions.</p> <p>Coaches to wear a clean kit that has been put on just before leaving for matches.</p> <p>Players to arrive in their kit</p>	Low	
<p>Dehydration / Exhaustion</p>	Players and Coaches	<p>Drinks should be brought to matches by individual player and clearly marked with player's name.</p> <p>Drinks <b>cannot</b> be shared.</p> <p>Players are to maintain social distancing during drinks breaks.</p>	Medium	
<p>Physical injuries from normal play</p> <p>Illness and COVID-19 symptoms</p>	Players and Coaches	<p>Track and Trace to be carried out by each Manager / COVID Officer</p> <p>Self Assessment check list to be completed by Players, Parents/Carers and Coaches before travelling to <b>all</b> matches. If any answer is 'yes', they should remain at home and follow government guidance on isolating.</p>	Medium	<p>Coaches to ensure Players and Parents / Carers have completed the self assessment check list. If the check list has not been completed before Players and Parents/Carers arrive, the Coach should ask the relevant questions. If anyone replies with 'yes', they should make their way home safely.</p>

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Storage of drinks bottles	Players and Coaches	<p>Players will be asked to put their drinks in their own marked out area which is away from other Players to avoid cross contamination.</p> <p>Sharing of drinks bottles is <b>not</b> permitted.</p>	Low	
<p>Physical injuries from normal play</p> <p>Illness and COVID-19 symptoms</p>	Players and Coaches	<p>Players will warm up prior to matches.</p> <p>A well stocked first aid kit is, always, present.</p> <p>If there is a first aider present, they should be equipped with the appropriate PPE - including face coverings - to protect themselves and others if they need to compromise social distancing guidelines to provide medical assistance.</p> <p>Players with illness or medical complaints should notify the coaches prior to the start of the match so that adequate measures can be taken.</p> <p>If any Player is symptomatic, living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or are classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, the guidance is for the Player to remain at home.</p>	Medium	<p>Insurance cover is provided for injuries.</p> <p>PPE equipment provided by FTFC.</p> <p>Coach to inform Players of any COVID-19 symptoms as soon as possible.</p> <p>PPE equipment to be disposed of in yellow bio-hazard bags</p> <p>Bio hazard bags provided by FTFC.</p>

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Disinfecting equipment	Players and Coaches	<p>All equipment will be cleaned thoroughly with disinfectant before, after and in between each match.</p> <p>This will be the sole responsibility of the Manager/Coach.</p> <p>Spectators will be asked to refrain from touching the ball if it leaves the pitch. <b>Only</b> players should retrieve the ball if it leaves the playing area.</p>	Medium / High	<p>Manager/Coach <b>must</b> ensure all equipment is cleaned before, after and during any breaks in matches - including goalposts.</p> <p>Disinfectant provided by FTFC.</p>
Travel to and from matches	Players and Coaches	<p>All participants and other attendees should follow best practice for travel, including minimising the use of public transport. Participants should walk or cycle if possible. People from the same household or <b>support bubble</b> can travel together in a vehicle.</p> <p>If participants do have to travel with people from outside their household or support bubble, they should try to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share the transport with the same people each time</li> <li>• Open windows for ventilation</li> <li>• Face away from each other</li> <li>• Clean the car between journeys using standard cleaning products including door handles and other areas people may touch</li> <li>• Wear a face covering</li> <li>• Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle</li> </ul>		

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Social distancing measures	Players and Coaches	<p>Spectators reminded to observe social distancing.</p> <p>Managers/Coaches to mark out a specific area for their teams warm up and all drills are to be carried out with social distancing measures where possible.</p>	Low/medium	
Before, during and after matches	Players and Coaches	<p>Pre-match hand shakes are <b>not</b> permitted.</p> <p>Managers are to give their team talks outside.</p> <p>Coaches are to encourage social distancing at all times during breaks.</p> <p>Substitutes are to remain socially distanced.</p> <p>Coaches to remain in marked out technical area.</p> <p>Coaches are to encourage Players to take set pieces quickly to avoid too much close contact for Players stood waiting.</p> <p>Players are to sanitise their hands during any break in play.</p>	Medium	<p>Equipment - including goalposts - to be sanitised before and after matches.</p> <p>Match ball to be sanitised during any break in play and at all time.</p> <p>Coaches are responsible for setting out and collecting cones at the beginning and end of the warm up.</p>
Before, during and after matches	Player and Coach	<p>Players are to leave the field of play at the end of the game without shaking hands.</p> <p>Spitting is <b>not</b> permitted and Coaches are to remind Players of this.</p>	Medium	

For the purpose of this risk assessment, the following definitions shall be used;

Hazard - The potential for harm of injury arising from an activity including the use of equipment needed to carry out that activity.

Risk - The likelihood of harm or injury occurring due to that hazard.

**\*RISK LEVEL**

Low - Can be performed unsupervised following basic training.

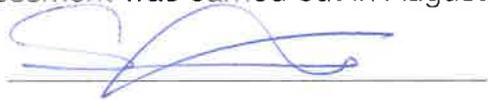
Medium - Can be performed with supervision following training.

High - Must be qualified and trained; special supervision arrangements must be made.

Very high - Requires specialist expertise. Do not proceed with activity.

This risk assessment was carried out in August 2020.

Signed;



Print name;

Simon Harrington

(FTFC Chairman)

**All** senior team Managers/Coaches/Helpers must sign in the area below to acknowledge that they have read and understand the risk assessment before **any** of **their** matches can take place. Where possible, please sign electronically and return to:

Chris Benson via email - [ftfcsec@gmail.com](mailto:ftfcsec@gmail.com).

If you are not able to sign it electronically, please print off a copy, sign it and send a picture of this page to Chris.

By signing this risk assessment, you agree to comply with the risk control measures that have been put in place. You accept that, should there be any breaches of the control measures, your match will be cancelled and all future matches suspended pending an investigation.