

FARINGDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE RETURN TO YOUTH 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	DBS checked coaches. Parents/Carers to remain during the match - where possible - and maintain social distancing throughout.	Low	Parents/Carers are to remain within a 3 mile radius of Tucker Park so that they can be contacted should a major injury occur.
General state of the pitch	Player and Coach	Any dog mess to be cleared prior to the start of the match Players and Coaches must refrain from spitting.	Low / Medium	
Smoking	Coach	Coaches are reminded that smoking - both tobacco and vaping - is strictly prohibited before, during and after matches. This is a new league rule and must be adhered to.	Low	

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Changing rooms and toilets	Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach	<p>The use of the changing rooms is not permitted at this time apart from to use the toilet.</p> <p>Toilet facilities will be available however, we will ask all Players/Parents/Carers and Coaches to ensure they have wiped down all surfaces using the spray and cloths provided. Cloths are to be put in the bins provided immediately after use.</p> <p>All youth Players are to be escorted to the toilet by their Parent/Carer where possible.</p> <p>There will be a one way system in place with entry via the front door and exit via the rear fire door of the changing room block.</p>	Low	Coach, Parents and Players to ensure the toilets have been wiped down after use.
Weather extremes	Player and Coach	<p>Lead coach to make a decision based on the condition of the pitch. The interests and safety of the children are paramount with particular consideration for younger children.</p> <p>Ensure Coach and Player are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.</p> <p>In extreme conditions - both heat and cold - the match will be cancelled.</p>	Low / Medium	
COVID Brief	Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach	<p>Each team is to have an appointed COVID officer.</p> <p>The COVID officer will brief players, parents, coaches and officials before the match.</p>	Low	Pre match brief to be provided to COVID officers.

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<p>Footwear / Kit</p> <p>Inappropriate footwear for conditions (Danger of slipping / risk of injury)</p> <p>Sharp studs</p>	<p>Player and Coach</p>	<p>Coaches and Players to wear appropriate footwear to prevent slipping in wet conditions.</p> <p>Astro-turf trainers to be encouraged for younger players during summer months as ground will be hard.</p> <p>If laces become untied, Players must ask their Parents/Carers where possible to help them tie them if they need help.</p> <p>If a Parent/Carer is not available, a coach may tie Player's laces but they must wear relevant PPE to do so.</p> <p>Players and Coaches to wear a clean kit that has been put on just before leaving for matches.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>PPE equipment provided by FTFC.</p> <p>PPE equipment to be disposed of in yellow bio-hazard bags</p> <p>Bio hazard bags provided by FTFC.</p>
<p>Dehydration / Exhaustion</p>	<p>Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach</p>	<p>Drinks should be brought to matches by individual player and clearly marked with player's name.</p> <p>Drinks cannot be refilled by the coach.</p> <p>Drinks cannot be shared.</p> <p>Sun screen recommended during hotter periods.</p> <p>Players are to maintain social distancing during drinks breaks.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Cones to be set out for players to put their belongings.</p> <p>Cones to be 2m apart.</p>

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<p>Physical injuries from normal play</p> <p>Illness and COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p>Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach</p>	<p>Players will warm up prior to matches.</p> <p>A well stocked first aid kit is, always, present. To comply with social distancing, any injury will need to be treated by the Player’s Parent/Carer where possible in a designated first aid area which will be marked out by cones.</p> <p>If a participant gets injured, a member of their household or support bubble can assist if present and appropriate, but others - including Coaches and Players - will still need to socially distance unless a life - or limb - threatening injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care.</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>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Insurance cover is provided for injuries.</p> <p>PPE equipment provided by FTFC.</p> <p>Parents/Carers are to remain within a 3 mile radius of match venue so that they can be contacted should a major injury occur.</p> <p>Player or Parent/Carer to inform FTFC of any COVID-19 symptoms as soon as possible.</p> <p>Coach to inform Players or Parents/Carers 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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Physical injuries from normal play Illness and COVID-19 symptoms	Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach	Track and Trace to be carried out by each Manager. Self Assessment check list to be completed by Players, Parents/Carers and Coaches before travelling to all matches. If any answer is 'yes', they should remain at home and follow government guidance on isolating.	Medium	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.
Storage of drinks bottles	Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach	Players will be asked to put their drinks in their own designated area which will be marked out by cones. Parents/Carers will be asked to keep any drink they have with them at all times and remain socially distanced from other Parents/Carers. Coach will put their own drink in a seperate area away from the Players and Parents/Carers.	Low	
Parental consent	Player	If you choose for your child to take part, you will need to give your written consent to the club and or coach. Ensure you are comfortable with the club's Covid-19 planning arrangements before doing so.	Low	Parent/Carer must sign a new consent form to confirm they have

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Disinfecting equipment	Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach	<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>Parents/Carers will be asked to refrain from touching the ball if it leaves the pitch. Only players should retrieve the ball if it leaves the playing area.</p>	Medium / High	<p>Manager/Coach must ensure all equipment is cleaned before, after and during any breaks in matches.</p> <p>Disinfectant provided by FTFC.</p>
Travel to and from matches	Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach	<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 support bubble 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"> • Share the transport with the same people each time • Open windows for ventilation • Face away from each other • Clean the car between journeys using standard cleaning products including door handles and other areas people may touch • Ask the driver to wear a face covering • Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle 		<p>Manager/Coach to encourage Parents to take their child to and from matches.</p> <p>Parent/Carer to organise suitable means of getting Players to matches if they can't take them.</p>

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Hand hygiene	Player and Coach	<p>Players are required to bring their own hand sanitiser to each match which will be stored in their designated area.</p> <p>Hands are to be cleaned before, during and after matches.</p>	Medium / High	Hands must be cleaned before the match can begin and should be cleaned at half time and full time.
Social distancing measures	Player, Parent/Carer and Coach	<p>On arrival, Players and Parents/Carers will be asked to stand in a designated area.</p> <p>The Manager/Coach will be stood in an area that is, at least, 2m away from the players and Parents/Carers.</p> <p>Managers/Coaches to direct Players to their 'safe area' where they will put their drinks bottle and hand sanitiser.</p> <p>Parents/Carers that are staying during matches will be asked to remain behind the respect barrier at all times unless they are tending to an injury to the Player.</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	<p>Player, Parent/Carer and Coach must stick to this.</p> <p>Failure to do so will result in a breach of the government social distancing guidelines and the session will be stopped immediately.</p>

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Social distancing measures (Cont.)	Player, Parent/ Carer and Coach	<p>In Tier 1 areas: people can gather in groups of up to 6 (or larger groups if they are from the same household or support bubble) outdoors and indoors.</p> <p>In Tier 2 areas: people can gather in groups of up to 6 (or larger groups if they are from the same household or support bubble) outdoors. Indoors, people cannot mix with others from outside their household or support bubble.</p> <p>In Tier 3 areas: people cannot mix with others from outside their household or support bubble indoors. Outdoors, people cannot mix with others from outside their household or support bubble in a private garden or most public outdoor venues. However people can meet in groups of up to 6 in public outdoor spaces, including outdoor sport grounds and facilities</p> <p>There is specific FA guidance and protocols for clubs who have paying spectators in the men's National League System and the Women's Football Pyramid Tiers 3 to 6.</p>	Medium	COVID Officer to ensure Parents hear the pre match brief - in particular their responsibilities with regard to social distancing.

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Before, during and after matches	Player and Coach	<p>Players are to arrive in their kit and ready to play.</p> <p>Pre-match hand shakes are not 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> <p>If there is an injury to a Player, their Parent/Carer may enter the field of play to tend to the injury. If their Parent/Carer is not in attendance, the Coach may treat the injury provided they are in full PPE.</p> <p>If a ball leaves the field of play, only Players should retrieve it and use their feet as much as possible.</p>	Medium	<p>Coaches to mark out 'safe area' for Players.</p> <p>Respect barrier to be used at all times.</p> <p>Equipment - including goalposts - to be sanitised before, during 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 each sessions.</p>

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Before, during and after matches (Cont.)	Player and Coach	<p>Once the Coach has debriefed the Players and someone is there to collect them, they should immediately and return home to shower/bath/wash thoroughly.</p> <p>Players are to leave the field of play at the end of the game without shaking hands and return to their designated 'safe area'.</p> <p>If a player's laces become undone, their Parent/Carer may enter the field of play to tie them up. If their Parent/Carer is not in attendance, the Coach may tie the Player's laces provided they are in full PPE.</p> <p>Spitting is not permitted and Coaches are to remind Players of this.</p> <p>Coaches should leave as soon as equipment has been disinfected and put away and shower/bath/wash at home.</p>		

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 December 2020.

Signed; 

Print name; Simon Haddington

(FTFC Chairman)

All youth 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:

Adam Bradley via WhatsApp or email - adam@faringdontownfc.com.

All Parents/Carers must sign the consent form to confirm they understand their responsibilities. Their child will **not** be able to participate until the consent form has been returned. This consent form should be sent to the team's COVID Officer to collate and forward to Adam via WhatsApp or email.

If you are not able to sign it electronically, please print off a copy, sign it and send a picture of this page to Adam / your COVID Officer.

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.