

*Weysiders FC*  
*Covid-19 Risk Assessment*

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Identify the hazard or risk during activities covered by the scope of this assessment	Affected Persons	Risk without mitigation measures in place	What measures and actions are in place to mitigate risk?	Risk rating with mitigation measures in place	Actions
Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) during an activity.	Players, Coaches, Spectators (when government guidance allows), Committee Members, Referees, General Public	High	<p>The club shall communicate the FA guidance and rules alongside its risk assessments and plans to all club members and coaches.</p> <p>The club shall communicate all adopted safety measures via the Weysiders website (<a href="http://www.weysidersfc.co.uk">www.weysidersfc.co.uk</a>) e- mail communication and WhatsApp. In the event of the safety measures changing or being updated, the club shall adopt the latest UK Government guidance.</p> <p>Weysiders FC Committee shall brief players the requirements, guidelines and rules.</p> <p>The club will keep records of every training session and/or match including the date, time and location as well a list of attendees, should the need arise for this information to be used for the purpose of contact tracing (NHS Test and Trace) or use the NHS Test and Trace App.</p> <p>The club data privacy notice updated to incorporate the sharing of data with NHS Test and Trace teams.</p>	Low	<p>All participants are required to acknowledge that they have read FA and Government rules and guidelines, as well as this risk assessment.</p> <p>Participants must agree to adhere to the FA and Government rules and guidelines at all times as well as this risk assessment.</p> <p>In the event that a coach/session organiser does not feel that a session can be carried out in compliance with FA and Government rules and guidelines or the risk assessment, then they should stop the session or match.</p> <p>Coaches/session organiser shall remove any participant who does not adhere to the FA and Government rules and guidelines of the risk assessment.</p>

			<p>For matches, the COVID-19 Risk Assessment shall be shared with the opposition team and the referee beforehand. Likewise, the club secretary should request the Risk Assessment(s) from opposition teams if not sent, read them and make any necessary adjustments that may be required.</p> <p>All participants shall be aware of the COVID-19 Self Assessment Check in order to carry out a self assessment prior to every training session and/or match.</p> <p><u>Control and Authorisation of Training Sessions and Matches</u></p> <p>A player cannot join in with any session, be it training or a match, without registering their details with the club.</p> <p>The permission from the land or leaseholder is required where a training session or match will take place. For home games or training, teams should use our registered pitches and training venues. For matches scheduled at opposition grounds, the coach shall ensure the opposition has the necessary permission to use the venue.</p> <p>All matches shall only be played against FA affiliated teams who have affiliated for the</p>		<p>The club reserves the right to suspend training for the entire club or specific teams without notice on the grounds of safety.</p> <p>All training sessions and matches must be pre-planned with their details submitted to the club.</p> <p>Coaches/session organisers must take immediate and necessary action to reduce risk where a danger arises.</p> <p>All incidents and concerns must be reported to a club official within 12 hours, or earlier.</p>
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			<p>2020-21 season who have in place suitable Club Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance.</p> <p>For matches, COVID-19 Risk Assessment shall be shared with the opposition teams and the referee beforehand. Likewise, coaches should request the Risk Assessment(s) from opposition teams, read them and make any necessary adjustments that may be required.</p> <p><u>Participant Safety Risk Awareness and Consent</u></p> <p>Participants shall read the FA and Government Guidelines and Rules to ensure they are familiar with them and able to comply.</p> <p>FA Guidelines:  <a href="http://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jul/17/grass-roots-guidance-for-competitive-football-restart-in-england-170720">http://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jul/17/grass-roots-guidance-for-competitive-football-restart-in-england- 170720</a></p> <p>Government Guidelines:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a></p> <p>The club will communicate all risk assessments, rules and guidance to participants and coaches (refer to Communication of Activities and Safety Measures).</p> <p>Participants accept and understand the risks</p>		
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			<p>and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and shall implement and adopt all safety protocols required to significantly minimise the contraction or spread of the virus, however, cannot for certain ensure that the risk of contracting the virus is completely eliminated.</p> <p>The club shall adopt a COVID-19 Safety Officer for each team who is responsible for the implementation and compliance of COVID-19 safety measures.</p> <p><u>COVID-19 Self-Assessment/Check</u>  Prior to any training session or match, participants shall perform a COVID-19 Self-Assessment/Check. If a participant has any symptoms or fail any of the checks below then they MUST NOT attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high temperature (above 37.8C).</li> <li>• A new continuous cough.</li> <li>• Shortness of breath.</li> <li>• A sore throat.</li> <li>• Loss of or a change of normal sense of taste and smell.</li> <li>• Feeling generally unwell.</li> <li>• Persistent tiredness.</li> <li>• Been in close contact/living with</li> </ul>		
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			<p>somebody who is suspected or has tested positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>Coaches &amp; Covid-19 Officials must remind and communicate to players the need to conduct a COVID-19 Self-Assessment/Check before every training session and/or match.</p>		
			<p><u>Training Session Planning</u></p> <p>Coaches/session organiser must plan all sessions such that they can be carried to adhere to FA and Government rules and guidelines AT ALL TIMES.</p> <p>A group shall not consist of more than 30 people which includes all coaches.</p> <p>There should be sufficient space between groups/teams - crowding of multiple teams in one place should be avoided.</p> <p>Coaches shall start and finish their sessions promptly. Avoid hanging around so that you might encroach upon another team's session planned for later.</p> <p>Coaches/session organisers shall wipe down any equipment after each session with PPE</p>		

		<p>equipment provided by the club.</p> <p>Coaches/session organisers must minimise the touching of equipment when planning drills/exercises. Where a participant will be touching equipment regularly (e.g., goalkeeper focused session) then they should wear gloves and/or the coach shall regularly sanitise the equipment.</p> <p>Coaches/managers should ensure that all planned exercises/drills conform to the FA rules and requirements. Warm-ups and cool-downs shall adhere to social distancing.</p> <p>Coaches/managers shall plan regular hygiene breaks within the session to sanitise hands and equipment.</p> <p>Coaches/session organisers should consider the necessary arrival protocols and communicate this with participants.</p> <p>Minimise the amount of time players are in close proximity to each other for extended periods of time (e.g., marking on corner/free kick training).</p> <p>Coaches shall ensure social distancing (2 metres) is adhered to when conducting training team talks - consider the use of cones/markers</p>		
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			<p>to enforce this.</p> <p>Learn from previous sessions - apply any changes necessary to improve the safety of the session based on previous feedback and experience.</p>		
			<p><u>Match Planning</u></p> <p>Coaches must ensure all matches adhere to FA and Government rules and guidelines AT ALL TIMES.</p> <p>Ensure that opposition teams are correctly affiliated with the FA and have suitable Club Liability and Personal Accident Insurance in place.</p> <p>Ensure that the referee is correctly registered with the FA and has suitable Liability Insurance. In the event of a non-qualified referee being used, this must be a club official who is registered with the club</p>		



			<p>and thus covered by the club insurance policies.</p> <p>Coaches shall plan for arrival and departure of players to ensure they adhere to social distancing measures.</p> <p>Players should arrive to matches already in their kit - coaches should make provisions to enable players to take their own kit home to wash.</p> <p>Car sharing to travel to and from games should be minimised. If car sharing must occur, ensure suitable PPE is used and disinfect vehicle where necessary after use. Players are encouraged to walk, cycle or run to games where reasonably possible.</p> <p>Changing rooms should not be used (exceptions to be made in certain circumstances as outlined in the FA guidelines).</p> <p>Players should shower/wash at home.</p> <p>Toilet facilities to be available (sites which have them). Additional hygiene measures to be utilised including hand washing, use of</p>		
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		<p>hand sanitiser and limits of numbers at any one time.</p> <p>Warm-ups and cool-downs shall adhere to social distancing (2 metres).</p> <p>Team talks shall adhere to social distancing - cones/markers are recommended to enforce this.</p> <p>Substitutes, coaches and assistants shall ensure they adhere to social distancing on the sideline - cones/markers are recommended to enforce this.</p> <p>No handshakes pre- or post-match.</p> <p>Players must sanitise hands immediately prior to commencing a match and after too.</p>		
		<p><u>Pitch Layout</u></p> <p>All our pitches are on public open spaces therefore precaution and suitable action shall be taken to isolate and restrict contact between players, coaches and club officials during a game from the general public.</p>		

Changing Facilities and Toilets

There are changing facilities available at Shalford Park. These will not be in use until further notice.

Players and the referee should arrive at the ground already changed where possible.

Players, managers/coaches, and the referee shall adopt aggressive hygiene measures whilst using the toilets at Shalford Park including use of hand sanitiser or washing hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

There is not facility for players to store personal belongings at a match. Participants should either put their personal belongings in their vehicle or take them out to the side of the pitch.

Spectators – where government guidelines allow attendance.

Spectators shall adhere to social distancing at all times.

			<p>Spectators shall not congregate in groups of more than 6 people.</p> <p>Spectators must be completely isolated from players, coaches and club officials during a match.</p> <p>Spectators shall arrive and depart promptly; avoiding any unnecessary hanging around or congregating after the game has finished.</p>		
			<p><u>Hygiene Measures</u></p> <p>Participants shall ensure they adopt aggressive hygiene measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent hand washing using soap or hand sanitiser for at least 20 seconds.</li> <li>• Wiping and cleaning of their own personal items and equipment or surfaces they will be touching.</li> <li>• Not share any personal items (e.g., water bottle) with members outside of their own household or support bubble</li> <li>• Keep the amount of objects and surfaces they touch to a minimum (particularly surfaces/objects frequently touched by other people).</li> </ul> <p>Coaches shall:</p>		

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adopt regular hygiene breaks to allow players to sanitise hands and/or disinfect equipment.</li><li>• Ensure they have the necessary equipment to sanitise hands and disinfect equipment.</li><li>• Carry a suitably equipped first aid kit.</li></ul> <p>The sharing of water bottles or other personal items other than those within their own household or support bubble is prohibited. Bottles should ideally be named to avoid the risk of accidentally being used by someone else.</p> <p>Paper towels and tissues used to disinfect equipment shall be suitably disposed of using a sealed bag upon disposal. Do not litter or leave hanging around on playing fields.</p> <p>The club shall provide the following PPE to all teams as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hand Sanitiser</li><li>• Disinfectant Spray</li><li>• Paper Towels/Wipes</li><li>• Face mask for coach to administer first aid if required.</li><li>• Gloves.</li></ul>		
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Attendance Registers for Test and Trace

Coaches MUST ensure they keep a record of ALL participants for every training session or match.

For a match, Weysiders FC are responsible for collecting their own team's attendance register and contact details. The opposition are responsible for collecting their team's attendance register and contact details.

The opposition's contact details must be available to be able to contact them in the event of an outbreak. This can be found in league handbooks or obtained via the club secretaries.

Attendance registers for each session to be submitted to the Club COVID-19 Safety Officer no later than 12 hours after the session/match.

Club Data Privacy Notice updated to make specific reference to NHS Test and Trace and the potential need to share data with them.

Attendance register data shall be held for a minimum 21 days but not longer than the period detailed in our Club Data Privacy Notice.

			<p>Players must inform the Club COVID-19 Safety Officer if they become symptomatic and test positive after recently attending a session.</p>		
			<p><u>First Aid and Emergencies</u></p> <p>A qualified first aider must be present for all training sessions and/or matches and a suitably equipped first aid kit must be available.</p> <p>In the event of a serious medical emergency or medical issue, coaches/session organiser shall administer the necessary first aid whilst taking any precautions where they can to minimise risk of contracting COVID-19.</p> <p>Coaches are to read and familiarise themselves with the FA guidance on administering first aid during COVID-19 found here:  <a href="http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/clubs-and-coaches---covid-19-first-aid-guidance-for-returning-to-competitive-grassroots-">http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/clubs-and-coaches---covid-19-first-aid-guidance-for-returning-to-competitive-grassroots-</a></p>		

			<p>football.ashx</p> <p>The club shall provide teams with the following PPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand Sanitiser.</li> <li>• Disinfectant Spray.</li> <li>• Paper Towel</li> <li>• Face Mask</li> </ul> <p>Continual monitoring of PPE requirements shall occur, with low stock replenished and/or additional PPE items added if required.</p>		
			<p><u>Symptomatic Participants, Households and Vulnerable People</u></p> <p>Any participant or their household/support bubble must not participate or turn up to a training session if they are symptomatic. They must self-isolate in accordance with Government guidelines and must not return until the period of self-isolation has expired, or they have taken a Government administered/approved test which has returned back as negative.</p> <p>Any participant who is in an at-risk group should continue to exercise caution and return to training and matches when they</p>		



			<p>feel comfortable.</p> <p>In the event that participant becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms, then they must inform the COVID-19 Safety Officer as soon as possible. The club shall keep an attendance record of all training sessions and their participants to aid with contact tracing (NHS Test and Trace) should the need arise.</p>		
			<p><u>Payments and Matchday Paperwork</u></p> <p>Payments shall be by via electronic method where reasonably possible. Participants should pay via bank transfer as the preferred method.</p> <p>Only in exceptional circumstances shall cash payment be accepted. Where it is used as a payment method, coaches should sanitise their hands after handling cash and if possible, use disinfectant to clean cash payments.</p> <p>Match day paperwork should be kept to a minimum. Where absolutely necessary, the exchanging of team sheets between the referee and opposition shall be kept short and brief. If possible, consider digital methods of exchanging paperwork before the game such as photo message or email.</p>		

			Referee payments when made in cash should be provided in notes in a sealed envelope.		
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