



Shrewsbury Up and Comers – Covid Risk Assessment

Activity	Outdoor Football Training & Matches	Location	Various
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This risk assessment has been developed to identify, assess and control the risks of COVID-19 commonly known as Coronavirus infection whilst undertaking outdoor football training and matches within the club. It is also intended to cover measures that have been developed in accordance with the Government's and FA's recommendations on social distancing. These are exceptional circumstances and all members of the club must comply with the latest Government advice at all times. If an activity cannot be undertaken safely by fulfilling any aspects of this workplace risk assessment it should be immediately stopped.

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Scope of Risk Assessment

Activity/Equipment/Workplace/Environmental Hazard:
Training session and matches – arrival, during training/matches, toilet breaks and exit of training/match. Hazard is virus transfer through contact and close proximity to other people, touching objects previously touched by others.
Location/Circumstances where hazard could arise:
Car park, route into playing area, on and around the pitch, route out of the playing area. Players are of various ages from 5 to 18, so possibility of youngsters ones forgetting proximity guidelines and picking up objects etc. Also, most children have not seen team mates for many months so risk of being overwhelmed or excited and making contact with each other.
Possible Consequences:
Covid-19 infection
Persons/Groups at Risk:
Players, coaches, parents, officials and onward contacts

Risk Assessment Rating Before Controls:
High Risk

Hazard	Who is at risk?	Risk level prior to control measures	Control measures implemented	Who is responsible for implementing control measures	Risk level with control in place
People transferring virus	All	High / Medium	2m social distancing where possible	Coaches	Medium
			Application of FA guidelines on COVID 19		
			No handshakes, high 5's etc		
			Limited handling of the ball (i.e. throw in) – no handling of the ball or equipment by spectators. Goal Keepers are permitted to handle the ball provided they wear appropriate protective gloves.		
			Social distancing observed in team talks – 2m		
			Limit persistent close proximity of participants during match play and training. Particular care at free kicks and corners		
			Safety briefing for all players, coaches, parents and officials		
			Completion of On-site risk assessment at each training session or match.		
Player, coach and officials attendance	Players, coaches & officials	High / Medium	Players and coaches must not attend if they are showing symptoms, have been in contact with someone showing symptoms.	Players and coaches	Low
			Players / coaches must not attend if they or a member of their household are shielding.		
			Players / coaches will bring their own water and hand sanitizer and leave it in their dedicated area – this must not be shared with any other person.		
			Prior to arrival, players and coaches must take temperature checks. If higher than normal, stay at home		
			Players / coaches are not to touch equipment from other areas, goal posts, nets etc		
			Players and coaches to maintain social distancing of 2m excluding during game/training activities		
			A register of attendance will always be kept as per the on-site risk assessment, for contact tracing purposes as per the NHS Test and Trace guidance. Retained for 21 days		
			All players must pre book training with management team.		

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Parents / carers attending	Parents, carers	High / Medium	Parent or carer must not attend if they are showing symptoms, have been in contact with someone showing symptoms	Parents and coaches	Low
			Parents / carers must watch from dedicated area 2m apart and will be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and will be required to spread out.		
			A parent /carer consent form must be completed prior to session, giving coaches permission to train and give first aid		
			Parents / carers should brief their child before training on responsibilities and hand sanitising.		
			Travel to training should avoid public transport as much as possible.		
			The sharing of lift should not take place outside the same household/support bubble.		
Opposition		High / Medium	Opposition Manager to be sent a copy of the club risk assessment before match.		Low
			Specific site rules or conditions to also be shared prior to the match in Covid briefing		
			Advise opposition manager in advance of the game that no player, coach or parent is to attend the match or venue if they have symptoms as per the Government rules.		
			Managers contact details to be stored by the club for up to 21 days post match in the event of a positive COVID case in accordance with NHS Test and Trace guidelines.		
			Each team to provide own sanitiser and appropriate cleaning products.		
			Match guidance as per FA guidelines to be read out by home manager to both sets of players, coaches and referee at the start of match in lieu of the normal handshake		

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Arrival	Players	High / Medium	Parents and players are not to arrive earlier than 5 minutes prior to the start of the training session. For matches this should be at the designated time set by the team manager to allow time for an appropriate warm up.	Coaches and players	Low
			Players to report to their coaches and not congregate.		
			One way system at venue implemented.		
Facilities	All	High / Medium	All players must be escorted by a parent / carer if the child needs to use toilet facilities. Hands must be sanitised before training commences	Parents / carers / coaches	Low
			A first aid area will be set up in a clear and obvious location in the event of an emergency. Hand sanitiser and gloves will be available. Non-emergency first aid to be administered by parent.		
Equipment contamination	Players, coaches, officials	High / Medium	All equipment to be disinfected before and after training. Also where possible, during drinks breaks in training. During matches this should be done at half/quarter time.	Coaches and players	Low
			Goal posts and corner flags should be appropriately cleaned before and after use by Manager/Coaches.		
			Areas that are unable to be cleaned, hands should be thoroughly washed/sanitised after contact.		
			All players/coaches/officials to sanitise hands on arrival, during break and at the end of the session		
			After use all equipment will be quarantined for a period of 72 hours.		
Training Session/Match	All	High / Medium	No set play that required prolonged set up/close contact such as defensive walls and close marking	Coaches and players	Medium
			No spitting		
			Avoid raising voices/shouting when facing each other.		
			When a ball goes out of play it should be retrieved by a player only using the feet as much as possible.		
			Match fees should be paid to the referee by bank transfer where possible		

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Breaks	Players, coaches, officials	High / Medium	All players and coaches to remain in their dedicated area and maintain 2m social distancing	Players and coaches	Low
			All players/officials to use hand sanitiser		
			Equipment will be appropriately cleaned where reasonably practicable.		
Leaving	Players, carers and coaches	High / Medium	Players will be dismissed at the end of each session 1 at a time, as instructed by the coach	Coaches, players	Low
			All players to use hand sanitiser		
			All equipment to be left in the dedicated player areas		
Post session/match	Coaches	High / Medium	All balls to be washed and disinfected	Coaches	Low
			All cones and equipment to be washed and disinfected, including goal posts		
			All balls, cones and equipment will be quarantined for 72hrs after use		
Pitch area	All	High / Medium	Please do not leave without taking all your possessions including litter	All	Low
Photo's	Parents, carers, players	Medium	No photo's or video's on social media	All	Low
Protective Equipment	All	Low	Masks and gloves can be worn but not compulsory	All	Low

Assessment of Overall Residual Risk with Controls Applied:

LOW
 MEDIUM
 HIGH

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