



Burton Junior Football league St Georges Park (Central venue Risk Assessment) on behalf of our Affiliated Clubs.

Section 1

This document serves as a Risk Assessment Form for dealing with the current Covid-19 situation. It is not likely to cover all scenarios and each club should consider their own unique circumstances. The 'potential hazards' and 'actions to treat risk' listed are given as examples only. Please refer to the latest Government guidance and The FA's specific guidance of which details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jul/17/grassroots-guidance-for-competitive-football-restart-in-england-170720>

The named venue will be used by U12 age group and will consist of approximately 20 affiliated teams playing 9v9 league football, these teams will be made up of approximately 280 individuals (Players and coaches), and additionally there will be a similar number of spectators.

The BJFL will appoint FA registered match officials for all fixtures.

Each represented Club will have an appointed Covid-19 Officer (he or she may not always be present), likewise each represented Club will have a designated CWO as this is part of their CFA affiliation.

Section 2

This document will be distributed to ALL BJFL affiliated Clubs prior to fixture commencement and in turn The BJFL will lease with all Club Covid-19 officers to ensure that the content is communicated to all players/coaches and spectators.

Section 3

Start and finish times clearly stated to reduce congestion with any other teams. Car sharing is discouraged, but if need the following guidance should be followed. All participants and other attendees should follow best practice for travel, including:

Minimising use of public transport. Participants should walk or cycle if possible.

People from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle.

If participants do have to travel with people outside their household or support bubble they should try to:

Share the transport with the same people each time.

Keep to small groups of people at any one time.

Open windows for ventilation.

Face away from each other.

Ask the driver and all passengers to wear a face covering.

Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the.

Section 4

All players and parents attending the named venue must complete the Club/team attendance register that is circulated by managers prior to any fixture commencing. [\(LINK\)](#)

Section 5

All players/coaches and spectators must complete a Covid-19 self-assessment prior to the commencement of scheduled fixtures. ([LINK](#))

Section 6

All teams must complete a safeguarding risk assessment prior to the commencement of scheduled fixtures. ([Appendix 2 of FA guidance](#))

Section 7

Safe zones with social distancing measures to be put in place on pitches. Parents or carers are required to stay at all times and remember to social distance with others until training has finished. After the fixture has finished and the players have been reunited with parents/carers everyone is requested to leave the area immediately. Coaches advised to arrive to the venue prior to players in order to make sure all Covid-19 procedures are put in place.

All players / coaches / parents / carers must maintain the 2 m social distancing rule. Line up points with social distancing measures to be put in place on pitches. As players arrive at their allocated time, they should make their way to their position on the field as indicated in the information given beforehand or as shown by their coaches. When the session / match has finished then the players shall be reunited with their parents / carers. All Coaches to organise and pre-plan all sessions and should cone off safe zones to visually aid social distancing rules for players. All parents should maintain 2 metres at all times

Section 8

All equipment must be cleaned prior / during and after fixtures with disinfectant approved against Covid-19. During matches all corner flags / goals / balls must be wiped before the game at half time and at the end of use

Section 9

All those returning to competitive grassroots football must adopt the following code of behaviour:
Be aware of your own personal health. If you show any of the Covid-19 symptoms you must stay at home, inform NHS Test and Trace and seek medical advice.

Be responsible. Read the guidance provided by The FA and by your club so that you are aware of the changes to the game and what is expected of you. This will include things like being prepared to wash your own kit, bringing your own labelled water bottle and being aware of changes to meet-up times.

Practise good hygiene. Wash your hands regularly and before, during and after a game.

Where possible maintain social distancing. This won't always be possible in a competitive match Environment (for example when tackling an opponent) and that is acceptable. However, before, and after a game you should maintain social distancing.

Support NHS Test and Trace. You're likely to be asked to provide your details so that in the event of a Covid-19 outbreak those potentially infected can be traced. This is to everyone's benefit so please co- operate.

Do not spit. Spitting and the rinsing out of mouths is now a recognised risk to health and must not be done. Avoid shouting or raising your voice if face to face with other players.

After the game. Be aware that other users may be waiting to use the facilities. Changing rooms and showers are likely to be closed and any socialising must follow the Government's guidance on social distancing. ([Appendix 1 of FA guidance](#))

Section 10

All coaches to wear disposable protective gloves as a first instance to attend an injured player, if it is deemed more serious than full PPE as described by the FA Guidelines should be worn which includes face masks and aprons. Parents should also be requested to attend all injuries that may occur. If it is a life threatening injury then coaches must proceed by the following there F A first aid training and club emergency procedures.

All parents / carers must remain on site during training to attend to their injured child. If the injury is serious and required medical attention then the coaches should follow the clubs medical emergency protocol whilst maintaining social distancing. If a serious injury occurs then the fixture must stop immediately and players asked to leave the field one by one maintaining a 2 meter distance to reunite with their parents/carers and to leave the area immediately.

All protective equipment to be thrown away after use. ([Link to FA guidance](#))

Venue specific guideline (St Georges Park)

1. All changing rooms will remain closed until government/FA guidelines change
2. Sanitising stations have been installed in the Sports England Pavilion and on the entrance of pitch 2
3. The Sports England Pavilion is open for use of the toilets and water dispenser only
4. The nearest Defib is located on the external wall of the Sports England Pavilion
5. There is a phone located within the Sports England Pavilion. The number is provided should you need to contact the Incident Support team in the event of an emergency.
6. Please note all Teams should be self-sufficient in terms of first aid equipment and staff. The SGP Incident support team is there to help co-ordinate the response with the emergency services.

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