



Harwell & Hendred Youth Football Club

COVID-19 General safety risk assessment V1.4

This risk assessment has been published to allow a safe return to training and to identify the control measures that should be put in place to protect Players, Parents and others from the risk of coronavirus infection.

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	• Players • Parents • Staff of BP • Other members of public • Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions	<u>Hand Washing</u> • Stringent hand washing taking place at home • See hand washing guidance. • https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ • Gel sanitisers to be readily available All players to have access to hand sanitiser at all training sessions and matches. Coaches will have a supply available for use.	Players to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace. To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice -

		<u>Cleaning</u> The sharing of equipment must be avoided where possible. Where equipment is shared, equipment must be cleaned before use by another person. <u>Social Distancing</u> All must maintain social distancing before and after play. In all settings before and after the session, and in any breaks, all participants should practise social distancing, in line with Government guidelines on two metres or 'one metre plus'. Any parents and carers must spread out, in line with wider Government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes <u>Wearing of Gloves</u>	Balls, Cones and other equipment used in training must be wiped down with disinfectant prior to the commencement of training and again at the end of any training session. Coaches to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed. Care should be taken on busy sites with limited access points to ensure safe play. Facilities should consider staggering start times and allowing cleaning time between change-overs.
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		Where Risk Assessment identifies wearing of gloves during training is at the discretion of the player/parent. <u>RPE (Face Masks)</u> <i>Public Health guidance on the use of PPE (personal protective equipment) to protect against COVID-19 relates to health care settings and enclosed spaces. In all other settings individuals are asked to observe social distancing measures and practice good hand hygiene behaviours.</i> <u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u> All players, officials, volunteers and spectators must undergo a self-assessment for any Covid-19- symptoms. No-one should leave home to participate in football if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following: • A high temperature (above 37.8°C); • A new, continuous cough; • A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.	Players to be reminded that wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good hand washing. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/ If a player undertakes a Covid test and receives a negative result then they are permitted to return to training/matches. Proof of the results must be shared with the team manager.
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		If any member of the players household develops a new continuous cough or a high temperature then the player should not attend training/matches and instead follow the stay at home guidelines. <u>Cross Contamination</u> The use of BP owned goals is permitted but good hand hygiene is essential before and after contact. The nature of football means that the ball is not frequently handled. When the ball goes out of play it should not be retrieved by non-participants and should be retrieved using the feet rather than the hands where possible. Where there are breaks in the game, or training, if throw-ins or handling has occurred the ball should be disinfected where possible. The distribution of bibs in training will cease. All players must bring their own training kit and the exchanging of any clothing/equipment is not permitted. Water Bottles are required at all training sessions. However, these must be in a clearly identifiable bottle that contains the name of the player. No sharing of water bottles will be allowed for hygiene and safety reasons.	Coaches are permitted to issue temporary equipment to players should it be required, e.g. shinpads, goalkeeper gloves, providing they have been washed/sterilised prior to issuing.
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		<u>Travel</u> As organised sport can resume, all participants may travel to games but should avoid travel at the busiest times and routes, as well as minimising any unnecessary journeys where possible. All participants must follow <u>the Government's guidance on safer travel</u>. <u>Match Play</u> Clubs/teams should ensure they are affiliated to their local County FA for the 2020/21 season ahead of any match play. Coaches are encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of participants during match play (where young participants may be more likely to cluster around the ball) and provide regular hygiene breaks in activity. Pre-match handshake should not happen. • Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible; • Warm-ups/cool-downs should always observe social distancing; • Coaches, other team staff and substitutes are allowed, but must also always observe social distancing on touchlines/dug-outs. Social distancing must also be observed during interactions when a substitution is being made; • Set plays – free kicks: referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game and not unnecessarily prolong set play set-up, such as defensive walls;	H & H affiliation to Berks and Bucks County FA completed by B Peach. Bluefin Public Liability Insurance and Personal Insurance in place.
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		• Set plays – corners should also be taken promptly to limit prolonged close marking; • Goal celebrations should be avoided; • Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing; • Small-sided football should be modified to provide more regular hygiene breaks in activity. Players should be discouraged from touching boards at any time, with tackling against boards discouraged. Referees should consider stopping play when this happens. • Youth football coaches are encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of participants during match play (where young participants may be more likely to cluster around the ball) and provide regular hygiene breaks in activity. <u>Boundary Park Facilities</u> Access to BP changing room number withdrawn, other than to use toilets in emergency circumstances. Toilets will be allowed to open, 30 minutes before matches. Access should be kept to a minimum to reduce cross contamination. All government guidance on hygiene and social distancing measure must be followed. Access to the storeroom at BP is granted. This should be kept to a minimum to reduce cross contamination.	
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		Players should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before their training session and leave immediately after the session finishes to avoid unnecessary contact between players and parents. If arriving by car the entry to the football pitches is via the gate from the car park <u>First Aid</u> Injuries during play should still be treated as participant health and safety is of utmost importance. In all cases, but particularly where medical treatment is needed, the best form of protection is through rigorous cleaning, personal hygiene and regular hand hygiene. If a participant gets injured, a member of their household can assist if present and appropriate, but others (including match officials and teammates and coaches) will still need to socially distance unless a life- or limb-threatening injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care. If there is a first-aider or other medical personnel 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. After contact with an injured participant, the person who has administered first aid should clean their hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitiser at the earliest opportunity. This advice is applicable to all situations, regardless of whether there was close contact or social distancing was maintained.	
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		<u>NHS Test and Trace</u> H&H must support NHS test and trace efforts by collecting name and contact information on participants at both training and matches. This information should be stored for a minimum of 21 days in-line with the Government Recreational Team Sport Framework and collected/processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and in line with GDPR principles. It should be used only for the purpose of NHS test and trace <u>Spectators</u> No spectators are allowed at grassroots football as part of step one of the Government's roadmap. One parent or guardian per child is permitted, where clubs and facilities can safely accommodate this and following all appropriate guidance. <u>Other</u> Parents approval confirming that they are happy for their child to return to training/matches must be obtained. H&H have identified a Covid-19 officer who will be responsible for developing a Covid-19 plan and risk assessment prior to the restart of any activity. The Covid-19 officer should continually monitor how compliance is being observed within the club.	Applies to training and matches Covid Officer – Ben Peach
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