



General Details

Assessor	James Sharp
Assessment Date	26/07/2020
Operation Assessed	COVID Site Risk Assessment

Associated with specific area

- Higham Town Football Club

Description of work area and/or activity assessed

This risk assessment helps to govern COVID-19 Management at Higham Town Football Club by way for form documentation. Further supportive documentation can be found on our website within the news section at www.highamtownfc.co.uk/news/

Covid Officers: James Sharp 07418707605 | Shelly Owen 07825 950898

Overall Current Risk

Medium



Average Number of Persons Affected

60 Members of the Public

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	Biological Transmission of Covid-19 through touching shared equipment	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>All participants are encouraged to read the current FA guidelines thoroughly before attending any football activity.</p> <p>Coaches will have read the FA guidelines and ensure equipment is not shared unnecessarily and that any shared equipment is sanitised before and after all football activity, as well as during activity if required, in line with FA guidance.</p> <p>Participants will be asked to store personal items, kit and drinks separately from other participants</p> <p>Coaches have all been given large bottles of hand sanitizer which is to be used pre and post any football activities across their players.</p> <p>Sanitiser sprays are kept outside the cafe for use on equipment as required.</p>		

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Medium 	<p>No Remedial Actions Entered</p> <p>If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.</p>

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium 	Biological Transmission of Covid-19 through close contact with others, either during football activity or in the car park before / after.	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>All participants are encouraged to read the current FA guidelines thoroughly before attending any football activity.</p> <p>Players of Higham Town have all undertaken consent forms providing them with key information and authorising their agreement with the rules.</p> <p>All participants will be asked to maintain social distancing, in line with the current FA and government guidance, when not on the field of play (ie during warm ups, team discussions, drinks breaks and before and after sessions).</p> <p>Sessions involving different groups will be staggered so that one group has time to leave before the next group arrives.</p> <p>In line with the current FA guidance, group sizes will remain at 30 or under for all sessions.</p> <p>In line with the current FA guidance, the type of activity organised will not deviate from the timeline that has been published by the FA for the return of grassroots football.</p> <p>Participants will be encouraged not to car share with those outside their family or "bubble" and follow the latest government guidance on travel and the use of public transport.</p> <p>Visitors are encouraged to remain in the their cars during training and games, however spectating of friendlies are allowed as long as social distancing rules are followed.</p>		

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Medium 	Biological Participants do not understand or have not read the current Covid-19 guidance	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>Before any Higham team may begin contact training or playing matches, each parent will be asked to submit an online consent form that states they are happy for their child to return to contact training / match play, that they have read and understand the latest FA and government guidance. Links to the guidance are provided for all parents to read before submitting the consent form.</p> <p>Coaches will be encouraged to reinforce the guidance in person to the whole group before the first session and participants will be encouraged to ask any questions if they are not sure, either directly to their coach, or to the club's Covid-19 Officers - James Sharp / Shelly Owen.</p> <p>If there are language issues or learning difficulties that make it difficult for an individual to understand what is being asked of them, this should be mentioned to the club's Covid-19 Officers and the individual in question's coach so the club can help in the best way they can for that individual.</p>		

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Medium 	Biological Someone exhibits Covid-19 symptoms before football activity, has tested positive for Covid-19 or is asked to self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19.	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>All Higham players training or playing at the ground must have completed the consent form, along with contact details for track-trace as a minimum requirement. This rule is also in place for any new players how maybe "trying out" everybody associated to Higham at a player level must complete a consent form prior to inclusion.</p> <p>Consent forms are sent electronically and checked against a training or match log. If gaps are found, sanctions are placed on that team/coach regarding future training.</p> <p>Coaches should keep a digital record of who attended each session, and contact details for the coach(es) of any other club, who should have contact details for their own players. Remember to include officials or parent helpers (lineman etc).</p> <p>All participants should be encouraged to report any Covid-19 symptoms, positive Covid-19 test results or any contact from the health services to ask that they self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19 to their child's coach immediately. This should also be reported to the club's Covid-19 Officers immediately (James Sharp / Shelly Owen), who will contact the health services and take advice from them immediately.</p> <p>Participants should be reminded that nobody with symptoms that may indicate they have Covid-19 or who has been contacted by the health authorities to self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19 should attend any football activity.</p>		

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Medium 	Biological A participant exhibits Covid-19 symptoms during football activity.	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
The participant in question should be kept socially distant from others, in line with government guidance, whilst all other safeguarding criteria are met. If a parent or guardian is not present, they should be informed immediately and asked to collect their child at the soonest possible time.		

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Medium 	Human Factors Children feel pressured into returning to football before they are ready.	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
Coaches should make it clear to parents and players that they are under no pressure to return to football if they do not feel it's safe. It is entirely their decision and that decision will be respected by the club and supported fully. Equally, if a coach does not feel ready to return at this stage, they are under no pressure to do so and under no obligation to provide training sessions at this stage.		

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Medium 	Human Factors Participants may have health conditions that make them particularly at risk from Covid-19	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
It is individual parents' responsibility to make their coaches and the club aware of any health conditions any participant may have that may put them at higher risk from Covid-19 and those same parents' responsibility to decide whether they are comfortable with their child attending football activities, based on the guidelines we have in place.		

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Medium 	Biological Visitor access to the site for use of friendly matches	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>Visitors are encouraged to only bring 1 member of a household per child and stay in their car during the game. There are plenty of good vantage points to see the pitches from the car park.</p> <p>If visitors wish to spectate they must do so at least 4 meters from the pitch and under current social distancing rules opposite side to the coaches and players.</p> <p>Coaches from visiting clubs are responsible for keeping control and restrictions in order with their own players, helpers and parents. Whilst we will do our best to help and maintain order, it is not always feasible for marshalls to be at the club during the weekdays.</p> <p>Friendlies are on a rota with a maximum allowed to be played at the ground at any one time to keep control of numbers.</p> <p>The cafe is only open for visitors during weekends when controls and process can be 100% monitored. Visitors are not to visit the cafe during weekday games.</p> <p>Toilets are provided with a 1 in 1 out rule for both male and female. Hand sanitiser is made available.</p> <p>Visitors are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and not share outside of their own family bubble.</p> <p>A linesman is to be nominated for each team, this person must remain linesman for the duration of the game and not share the role. They must sanitise their hands prior and post game.</p> <p>The balls used are only to be touched by the players and coaches, with hand contact being kept to a minimum until required (such as throw-ins etc), Visitors are not to interact with the ball and if the ball goes out, space should be required for the player to retrieve the ball safely.</p> <p>Higham equipment used during the games will be cleaned pre and post the game.</p>		

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Medium 	Human Factors Visitor Liability and Actions	
Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury		
<p>All visitors who attend site, agreed to do so at their own risk. Whilst Higham Town Football Club will do all they can to limit risk and have been doing so for many weeks, there are lots of human factors at play which will be out of our direct control. Friendly matches are not priority; if attending then you agree to maintain social distance, that you or anybody in your direct household have no symptoms or serious underlying health issues and that you have read and fully understand the most up to date government guidelines on COVID-19.</p>		

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