



2021 Grassroots Football Restart Risk Assessment

Assumption: Compliance with Government and FA Guidelines provides for sufficiently safe conditions. With Risk Assessment matrix used this must mean > minor but < major injury or illness, with remaining variable being likelihood.

Assumption: Risk assessment to cover risks specific to BCC FC activities and facilities, not to repeat applicable FA guidance or government regulations or guidelines.

ITEM	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RISK RATING			ACTION FOR ELIMINATION OR CONTROL OF HAZARD	RE-ASSESSMENT		
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1	Returning to grassroots football activities during Covid-19 conditions as of 29-March-2021.	COA	2	4	8	Completed risk assessment circulated to all Bishops Cleeve Colts FC distribution emails, including committee, volunteers, BC FC and Parish Council. FA guidance to be circulated and summarised to participants and volunteers. Plan covering activities at various sites to be created and distributed. Participants and families to be encouraged to contribute to good practice, e.g. by following general government guidance, staying away if they are isolating, bringing own hand sanitiser.	1	3	3
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2	Continuing with football activities if Covid-19 cases in north Gloucestershire rise significantly.	COA	2	4	8	Need to cancel events could come from a team or club, from local facilities operators, or from competitions, or the FA, or government. Include in plans notice to teams and participants that activities may cease or become more restricted if guidelines are not followed, and particularly if levels of Covid-19 in north Gloucestershire increase significantly, whether a local lockdown occurs or not. Engage with facilities operators and local leagues to understand process of notification of cancellation of such events in such circumstances - to avoid late notice not reaching participants in time.	2	1	2
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3	Facilities - access (normal and emergency), arrivals/departures, sufficient space for all groups.	COA	3	4	12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Seek to spread training sessions across Kayte Lane and Sportsfield and across whole Sportsfield area, if possible and permitted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Spread across all available car parks, aligned with pitch/training area being used, if possible and permitted. Co-ordinate with other coaches to spread out across areas and car parks, if possible and permitted. Once spread out, arrivals/departures directions not necessary, as all entrances/exits are outdoors and are themselves spread out Ensure space is available for parents near each group/pitch. provide easy access between Kayte Lane car parking and Sportsfield (BCC FC have paid for combination padlocks to replace the keyed padlocks from Kayte Lane Car parks to the Sportsfield bridge). Access to facilities on foot to be encouraged, to reduce use of car parks at busy times. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Access via Kayte Lane Cemetery entrance is far enough away from normal use areas that parking is not typical - no further measures. Access from Read Way/Chandler Road can involve parking in those areas. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Teams to be told to park legally and considerately - complaints have been made in the past about this reas (e.g. blocked access) Teams to record (photograph) parking arrangements to discourage poor parking. Mid-week training or other permitted sessions when Sportsfield car park is not open. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discourage parking in front of Sportsfield gates. Ambulance access is not possible - ensure managers/coaches understand this and can direct Ambulance to most appropriate access point; BC FC footbridge, Kayte Lane Cemetery entrance, Chandler Road entrance or Pavilion pedestrian gate. Do not automatically prefer to train far from the Pavilion - as this is where the AED is located. 	2	3	6
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3	Facilities - changing rooms & access to toilets.	COA	3	4	12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid use of changing rooms, to minimise movement around buildings, and because there is insufficient space for distancing and because adults cannot supervise distancing full time inside the changing room. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If facilities owners deny use, league rules will be waived, ergo agree with facilities owners that changing rooms are not available to be booked for youth fixtures. As games restart in March pitches may be marked out, reducing available space, longer (match) sessions will occur, needing toilet access. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange use of toilets to accompany pitch bookings. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This is primarily for dignity, sanitation and comfort. Toilet availability enables handwashing if necessary, but sanitiser should be preferred. From long experience toilets are not heavily used even during busy times (e.g. Saturday mornings). BCC FC do not, and are not to, supply food or drink on (non Tournament) sessions. Toilets should be available for matches, open before, during and for 30 minutes after. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange for bins and paper towels rather than air driers. Work with facilities operators on rules for use of toilet facilities - one way not feasible at Sportsfield or Kayte Lane, any < 2m crossed paths will be for much less than 15 minutes. Discourage queuing inside. 	2	3	6
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4	Before an event - travel, planning	COA	2	4	8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prefer friendlies with teams near to Bishops Cleeve, or with other Bishops Cleeve teams where possible, to minimise need for shared travel. Provide standard Covid-19 conditions brief to managers to be used before each session . 	2	3	6
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5	During an event - fall away from safeguarding or social distancing best practice (e.g. too many people, players per coach, or no second adult, or familiarity causes drop from best practice).	COA	3	4	12	1. Limit match participant numbers. a. Approved FA guidance indicates matches OK from August, but could mean groups of more than 30. b. 7v7 = 7 + 7 substitutes + 2 coaches maximum c. 9v9 = 9 + 5 substitutes + 2 coaches maximum d. 11v11 = 11 + 5 substitutes + 2 coaches maximum e. Parents, per FA guidelines, to remain > 2 m distanced from the playing group during the session, excepting for first aid/injuries. f. Parents/carers limited to 1 per player in a safeguarding (drop-off, role pick-up, incidental first aid). 2. Surroundings a. Where possible, separate each group of up to 30 by at least 10 meters to minimise any possibility of encroachment into separate groups areas. b. Leave space for movement around the training area, to and from other marked areas (including pitches in use), for arrivals and departures. c. Use respect barriers for friendlies, consider marking respect barriers to help with spectator distancing. d. Respect barriers should be 2m from side line. i. This is an issue for Sportsfield pitch E2 - there is insufficient space either side to distance parents by 2m from each sideline - pitches to be marked narrower to accommodate such space or only 2x 9v9 pitches to be used a time.	2	1	2
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6	During an event - failure to maintain social distancing - i.e. excessive close marking in games, shared equipment, or < 2m for > 15 minutes during breaks within a groups of up to 30 from the same squad, including coaches.	COA	3	4	12	1. Training or match squad group. a. Break area to be controlled to allow social distancing, e.g. kept away from equipment and parents during drinks breaks. 2. Hygiene/PPE: a. Due to the involvement of physical exercise and contact sport, face masks as PPE are not advised during training, just as per jewellery. b. Where shared equipment is used, clean & sanitise after the session if they will be used again inside of three days. c. Avoid sharing of bibs. Bibs could be handed out to take home, or could avoid bibs altogether (players could wear 2 layers, colour and BCC FC top, remove BCC FC top instead of wearing bib). d. Managers to provide hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes or spray and cloths for coaches to clean hands and equipment. e. Ask managers to provide sanitiser and equipment cleaning spray/cloths (club procurement and distribution found not very effective). f. Encourage parent/guardian/player to bring hand sanitiser for use by player during and at end of the session.	2	3	6
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7	Forced failure to maintain social distancing - injury or other emergency.	COA	2	4	8	1. A trained coach will provide Emergency Aid for a life or limb threatening injury, e.g. AED (preferably) or CPR after a collapse, but will defer to parents if present for minor First Aid, e.g. knock, sprain, cut. a. Coach can perform minor first aid at less than 2m if wearing a mask, and following usual guidelines, i.e. sanitisation. b. Parents/carers - Primary School age groups (up to U11) to be requested to remain at the session if possible in case of minor injury/illness to the player. c. Club to provide CPR nose/mouth guards for First Aid kits for when an AED is not present, assure maintenance of the facility (BC PC or BC FC) AED devices. d. Club to assure availability of emergency plan for typical sites (includes AED access codes) to all coaches.	1	3	3
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8	Events with a player who has an impairment	COA	1	4	4	1. Create additional actions per individual case using the action plan. 2. Follow government guidelines relevant to the specific impairment or health condition. 3. If in doubt seek advice.	1	3	3
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