



Covid-19 Risk Assessment

North Shields FC return to Football Activities

North Shields FC Management Team | 14/06/20



Event/Activity Details

Event/Activity Title:	Return to training following Covid-19 pandemic
Venue:	Various – to include Daren Persson Stadium, Churchill Playing Fields & Tyne Met College
Date:	w/c 15 th June 20 and ongoing from this date
Date of Risk Assessment	14/06/20
Assessor(s)	Marc Nash, Anthony Woodhouse, Steve Swinyard & Graeme Scott
Estimated number of participants:	35 + 4 management staff per session

Risk Description

Please give a brief description of the purpose for undertaking this Risk Assessment.

Following the Football Association announcement on the 18th of July 2020 that the government has given approval for the return of grassroots football and training sessions to restart.

This risk assessment intends to assess the risks associated with such a return by North Shields FC and offer mitigating actions to help ensure any return to football activities remain safe for all participants.



Understanding Risk

Analysis of Risk

The following definitions are applied when considering risks associated with this event/activity:

Inherent Risk – The risk of an incident happening if no control measures whatsoever are applied to the situation

Residual Risk – The risk of an incident happening after all specified control measures are applied to the situation

To understand the risks associated with this event/activity the following risk table and risk equation should be applied when considering risks associated with this event or activity:

Table and Equation for Analysis of Risk:

Risk Matrix		Consequences					Risk Score = Likelihood x Consequences
		Insignificant (1) No injuries / minimal financial loss	Minor (2) First aid treatment / medium financial loss	Moderate (3) Medical treatment / high financial loss	Major (4) Hospitalable / large financial loss	Catastrophic (5) Death / massive financial loss	
Likelihood	Almost Certain (5) Often occurs / once a week	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Catastrophic (20)	Catastrophic (25)	Risk Approval: Approval of activities will be granted based on the risk scores given. The following indicators will be applied. 1 - 3 (Green) Low = Acceptable 4 - 6 (Yellow) Moderate = Adequate 8 - 9 (Orange) High = Tolerable
	Likely (4) Could easily happen / once a month	Moderate (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	Catastrophic (16)	Catastrophic (20)	
	Possible (3) Could happen or known it to happen / once a year	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)	
	Unlikely (2) Hasn't happened yet but could / once every 10 years	Low (2)	Moderate (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)	
	Rare (1) Conceivable but only on extreme circumstances / once in 100 years	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Moderate (4)	Moderate (5)	



Event/Activity Specific Risk Assessment

Area of Operation	Risks Identified	Who may be at risk	Inherent Risk Score	Specific Control Measures	Risk Owner	Residual Risk Score
<u>Travel & Transport</u> <i>Description</i> <i>Risk of Covid-19 infection risks associated with travel to and from football venues.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others and infecting others as a result of players sharing cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and officials 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and officials are instructed not to share transport Any player or official unable to travel in their personal vehicle, must contact the team manager, who will discuss alternatives including non-attendance Any player, official or household member exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms, must not travel to the activity venue and must self-isolate with their household in line with government guidance and inform the Club immediately Players and staff are advised to regularly clean the inside of their personal vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Players and Officials 	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others and infecting others as a result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and officials 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any player or official unable to travel in their personal vehicle, must contact the team manager, who will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Players and Officials 	8



	of players using public transport			<p>discuss alternatives including non-attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any player, official or household member exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms, must not travel to the activity venue and must self-isolate with their household in line with government guidance and inform the Club immediately Players and Officials advised to follow published guidance 		
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<p><u>Entrance to the facilities & parking vehicles</u></p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p><i>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with arrival at and entrance to facility being used for football activity.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others and infecting others as a result of players sharing cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and officials 	16	<p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club have appointed 2 x Covid-19 Officers to oversee all Covid-19 risk assessing and operations. <p><u>Darren Persson stadium</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On entering the Darren Persson Stadium, car windows must be firmly secured Facility parking bays are to be clearly marked for use by players and officials, ensuring at least 1 bay between cars Once parked players will be instructed to make their way directly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Players Officials Club Physio 	8



to a designated holding area where their suitability to participate in the football activity will be assessed by Club physio. Social distancing will apply at all times in holding area





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<p>Facilities</p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p><i>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with use of facilities at training venue.</i></p> <p><i>Includes risks associated with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing • Showering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection from others in close contact, within indoor areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players and Officials 	<p>16</p>	<p><u>Darren Persson stadium</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All training facility buildings to remain closed whilst football activity takes place • Clear 'one-way' system deployed at pitches <p><u>Churchill Playing Field</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No facilities are available at Churchill Playing Fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers • Individual Players • Team Management 	<p>4</p>
				<p><u>Churchill Playing Field</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On arriving at Churchill Playing Fields, players are advised to park as isolated as possible. As this is a public car park this may be tricky so players asked to do their best. • Players asked not to spend unnecessary amounts of time in the car park so to avoid interaction with members of the public. 		



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sharing playing kit</i> • <i>Toilets and Handwashing</i> • <i>Access to pitches</i> 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site is public access – Management Team to manage public engagement accordingly 		
<p>Activity Delivery</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p><i>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with use of facilities at training venue</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection from others due close contact, including transfer of bodily fluid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players and Officials 	16	<p><u>All venues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players asked to complete online Pre-session Health Screening Questionnaire - https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57 • Details of all participants held in order to support NHS Test and Trace scheme • Players given clear, Covid-19 specific code of conduct to follow • No more than 30 players and coaches permitted to work at any one time. • Social distancing expected in session at all times, preferably at a distance of 2m • Players asked not to spit in sessions • Chewing gum is prohibited at sessions • Players to bring own drinks and hand sanitisers to sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers • Team Management • Individual players 	12



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from handling equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and Officials 	16	<p><u>All venues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All training equipment to be disinfected before and after use Any personal equipment required for use (e.g. bibs), once issued, must only be handled by players and placed in a seal bag ready for washing. All kit of this nature must be washed immediately after every session. Session to be kept 'minimalistic' to avoid use of too much equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management Individual players 	4
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<p><u>Medical Provision/Needs</u></p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p><i>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with provision of medical treatments</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others due close contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and Officials 	16	<p><u>All venues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical provision will only be administered in an emergency situation and will be carried out by the club physio. Emergency situations are defined as situations that threaten a player's life or limb(s) Manual therapies and support treatments (e.g. strappings and rub-downs) are not permitted Club physio to wear appropriate PPE as appropriate – PPE available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management 	8



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event life or limb treatment is required, government guidance on resuscitation to be followed Where PPE is soiled with bodily fluids (e.g. blood or saliva) arrangements made for clinical waste to be disposed of correctly. 		
<p>Safeguarding</p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p>Consideration of wider safeguarding risks associated with U'18's participating in sessions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection of young player aged under 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player and player's family 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate parental consent gathered before the player is able to participate Information given to the player before the session starts as to how to report a concern, if they have one Suitably qualified coaches and staff employed in role Parents are offered opportunity to stay and watch the session but only from a designated vantage point out of the way of the sessions taking place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management 	8
<p>Player and Officials Awareness</p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p>Consideration of risks associated with a lack of awareness of required protocols.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others and infecting others as a result not following strict protocol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and Officials 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players informed of information before session via team's 'WhatsApp' group Team Management on site before players arrive to ensure protocols set up and enforced Players reminded in person of protocols when on site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual players and Team Management 	8



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Risk Assessment circulated to Club Secretary with request for him to store and circulate to other committee members, for their awareness, in the event there are other individuals required to be at the venue 		
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Additional Notes

This risk assessment is written in co-ordination with Government guidelines on Covid-19 found here:

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

It has also been written with in co-ordination with Government framework for a return of recreational team sport, found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/return-to-recreational-team-sport-framework>

It has also been written with consideration of FA guidance on how to safely return to footballing activities, found here:

- <http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/detailed-covid-19-guidance-on-re-starting-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx>
- <http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/return-of-outdoor-competitive-grassroots-football-faqs.ashx>
- <http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/outdoor-football-facilities---covid-19-guidance-on-re-starting-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx>
- <http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/clubs-and-coaches---covid-19-first-aid-guidance-for-returning-to-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx>
- <http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/covid-19-risk-assessment-guidance-and-template.ashx>



In addition to all of the above control measure the Club will ensure players are reminded of the importance of having good hand and respiratory hygiene practices and are clear on how the importance of taking these matters seriously. Team management will carry alcohol hand gel with them to support this.

This document is consider a 'working document' and may be reviewed periodically as guidance or circumstances change

Overall Activity Risk Score

Overall Risk Score = Average impact of identified risks x Average likelihood of identified risks occurring

Overall Risk Assessment Scores	
Average overall inherent risk score :	15
Average overall residual risk score:	7

Agreement

Proposal(s)

Risk Assessment completed by: *Marc Nash*
Anthony Woodhouse
Steve Swinyard
Graeme Scott

Position: *North Shields FC Management Team*

Date: *14/06/20*

Signed: *Marc Nash* -
TBC

Agreement:

Risk Assessment Agreed by: *Steve Arkle*
Sean Mulligan


Position: Club Covid-19 Officer

Date:

Signed: *Steve Arkle* -



Anthony Woodhouse -

Steve Swinyard - 

Graeme Scott -

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