



Covid-19 Risk Assessment

North Shields FC return to Football Activities inside The Darren Persson Stadium

North Shields FC Covid-19 Officers | 31/07/20



Event/Activity Details

| | |
|--|--|
| Event/Activity Title: | Training & Matchdays inside the Daren Persson Stadium |
| Venue: | Daren Persson Stadium |
| Date: | w/c 1 st August 20 and ongoing from this date |
| Date of Risk Assessment | 31/07/20 |
| Assessor(s) | Sean Mulligan & Steve Arkle |
| Estimated number of participants: | 35 + 4 management staff + Committee Members per team |

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 , training sessions and pre-season friendlies 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 12 - 16 (Red) Catastrophic = Unacceptable |
| | 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 |
|---|--|---|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| Travel & Transport <u>Description</u> Risk of Covid-19 infection risks associated with travel to and from football venues. | <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 Players and officials to complete Test & Trace documentations on arrival at ground. | <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 of players using public transport | <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 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Players and Officials | 8 |



| | | | | government guidance and inform the Club immediately <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and Officials advised to follow published guidance | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| Area of Operation | Risks Identified | Who may be at risk | Inherent Risk Score | Specific Control Measures | Risk Owner | Residual Risk Score |
| Entrance to the facilities & parking vehicles <u>Description</u> Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with arrival at and entrance to facility being used for football activity. | <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, officials and committee members | 16 | <u>General</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club have appointed 2 x Covid-19 Officers to oversee all Covid-19 risk assessing and operations. <u>Darren Persson stadium</u> <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. Home team parking for players and officials will be in designated bays. Away team & officials will be asked to use the gravel over flow car park. Once parked players will be instructed to make their way directly to a designated holding area inside stadium (Near Tea Hut) – (Friendlies – Main gate will be secured shut. Players and officials to use players gate by entering through yellow gates) where their suitability to participate in the football activity will be assess by Club physio. Social distancing will apply at all times in holding area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Players Officials Club Physio | 8 |

Home players will have their temperature taken. All players & officials are advised to have this checked and to wash hands on entrance to ground.





| Area of Operation | Risks Identified | Who may be at risk | Inherent Risk Score | Specific Control Measures | Risk Owner | Residual Risk Score |
|--|---|---|---------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Facilities <u>Description</u> Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with use of facilities at training venue. Includes risks associated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing • Showering • Sharing playing kit • Toilets and Handwashing • Access to pitches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection from others in close contact, within indoor areas • Changing rooms are an area of increased risk of transmission. It is important that social distancing is maintained in changing rooms and showers and that they are only use if essential. • Use of showering facilities should be avoided where possible. If changing rooms are to be used, users should use the facilities as quickly as possible. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players and Officials | 16 | <u>Darren Persson stadium</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All training facility buildings to remain closed whilst football activity takes place (Training Sessions) • Clear 'one-way' system deployed at pitches • Social Distancing to be observed as best as possible whilst in changing facilities for friendly games. • Players advised not to use showers after games and shower at home. • Kit to be taken off after game and placed in kit bag the correct way. <u>Changing Facilities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking steps to ensure that all water systems, for example showers and sinks, are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimise the risk of legionella and other diseases associated with water. • Where shower and changing facilities are required, setting clear use and cleaning guidance for showers, lockers and changing rooms to ensure they are kept | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers • Individual Players • Team Management | 4 |



| | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | <p>clean and clear of personal items and that social distancing is achieved as much as possible. - Shower facilities are closed, where possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cleaning of all facilities regularly during the day and at the end of the day. Encouraging participants and staff to shower at home rather than in changing rooms where possible. For additional reassurance, providing cleaning materials and hand sanitiser for customer use at touch points. – Will be provided at entry and exit to changing facilities. Providing additional signposting in these areas to maintain social distancing. Considering changes in policies to ensure limited time is taken in changing areas, especially during the changeover of group activity to maintain social distancing. <p><u>Tea Hut</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tea hut will remain closed for general sales until further notice. | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|



| | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|----|--|---|----|
| Activity Delivery <u>Description</u> <i>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with use of facilities at training venue</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others due to close contact, including transfer of bodily fluid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and Officials | 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players / Officials & Committee members 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 by Management and Covid Officers <p>Players given clear, Covid-19 specific code of conduct to follow. https://www.northshieldsfc.co.uk/covid-19/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 in named container 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 | <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 |



| Area of Operation | Risks Identified | Who may be at risk | Inherent Risk Score | Specific Control Measures | Risk Owner | Residual Risk Score |
|---|--|--|---------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| Medical Provision/Needs <u>Description</u> Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with provision of medical treatments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others due to close contact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and Officials | 16 | <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 Medic to wear appropriate PPE as appropriate – PPE available 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. Needs to be double bagged and home committee member needs to be notified of its location. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management | 8 |
| Safeguarding <u>Description</u> Consideration of wider safeguarding risks associated with U*18's participating in sessions | <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management | 8 |



| | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|----|---|--|---|
| | | | | designated vantage point out of the way of the sessions taking place | | |
| <u>Player and Officials Awareness</u> <u>Description</u> Consideration of risks associated with a lack of awareness of required protocols. | <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 & Covid-19 Officers on site before players arrive to ensure protocols set up and enforced • Players reminded in person of protocols when on site • Copy of Risk Assessment circulated to Club Secretary and Away Club Secretary for a Home friendly 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. Risk assessment also placed on club website under guidance from The FA. This document will be constantly reviewed. https://www.northshieldsfc.co.uk/covid-19/ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual players and Team Management | 8 |
| <u>Additional Notes</u> This risk assessment is written in co-ordination with Government guidelines on Covid-19 found here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:

Sean Mulligan
Steve Arkle

Position:

North Shields FC Covid-19 Officers

Date:

31/07/20

Signed:

Sean Mulligan

S Mulligan

Steve Arkle

- *S Arkle*

Agreement:

Risk Assessment Agreed by: Steve Swinyard

Position: First Team Coach on behalf of Management Team

Date: 31/7/20

Signed:

Steve Swinyard –

SSW