

#### Covid-19 Risk Assessment

North Shields FC return to Competitive Football Activities inside the Daren Persson Stadium

North Shields FC | 19/08/20



#### **Event/Activity Details**

<b>Event/Activity Title:</b>	Return to competitive football activities insider the DPS
Venue:	Daren Persson Stadium
Date:	22 <sup>nd</sup> of August onwards and ongoing from this date
Date of Risk Assessment	19/08/20
Assessor(s)	Marc Nash, Anthony Woodhouse, Steve Swinyard & Graeme Scott
Appointed Covid-19 Officer(s)	Sean Mulligan & Steve Arkle
Estimated number of participants:	150 as per government guidance (INCLUSIVE OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS)

#### **Risk Description**

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

Following the Football Association announcement on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 that the government has given approval for the return of spectators to National League System games up to step 6 this risk assessment intends to assess the risks associated with such a return of competitive matches and spectators to North Shields FC's Home Stadium, The Daren Persson stadium and offer mitigating actions to help ensure any return remain safe for all in attendance.



#### **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:

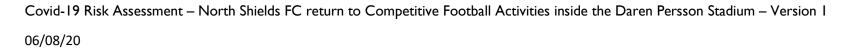
	Risk Matrix			Consequences	Risk Score = Likelihood x Consequences		
	THIS K THICK IN	Insignificant (1) No injuries / minimal financial loss	No injuries / minimal First aid treatment / Medical treatment / Hospitable / large Death / massive		Death / massive	Risk Approval:	
	Almost Certain (5) Often occurs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





#### **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	Infection from others and	Players, officials	12	North Shields FC players and officials	• Individual	4
	infecting others as a result	and spectators		are asked to complete online Pre-	Players and	
<u>Description</u>	of players sharing cars			session Health Screening	Officials	
Risk of Covid-19 infection				Questionnaire -		
risks associated with travel				https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57		
to and from football				prior to travel		
venues.				<ul> <li>All spectators will be asked to complete a self-assessment before</li> </ul>		
				entering the ground.		
				For both home and away games		
				players and officials are instructed not		
				to share transport		
				Any player unable to travel in their		
				personal vehicle, must contact the		
				team manager, who will discuss		
				alternatives including non-attendance		
				<ul> <li>Any official unable to travel in their</li> </ul>		
				personal vehicle, should contact the		
				club Covid-19 officers, who will		
				discuss alternatives including non-		
				attendance		
				Any player, official or household  And the second block of th		
				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		





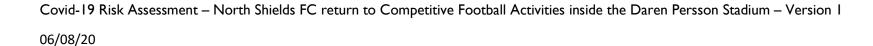
Players and staff are advised to
regularly clean the inside of their
personal vehicles
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For away games players and officials
are encouraged make arrangements to
travel independently. However, where
absolutely necessary, players may, with
permission of the first team manager,
share transport with other players
providing they share with the same
people each time. Where officials are
required to share transport, they must
inform the Club's Covid-19 officers.
Where transport is shared, players
must
Keep to small groups of people at
any one time;
Open windows for ventilation;
Face away from each other;
Clean the car between journeys
using standard cleaning products -
including door handles and other
areas that people may touch;
Wear a face covering
Consider seating arrangements to
maximise distance
between people in the vehicle
Regularly sanitise their hands,
especially after entering or exiting
the vehicle
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			<ul> <li>Wash their hands for at least 20 seconds or sanitise their hands as soon as the journey is complete</li> </ul>		
Infection from others and infecting others as a result of players using public transport	Players, officials and spectators	12	<ul> <li>Any player unable to travel in their personal vehicle, must contact the team manager, who will discuss alternatives including non-attendance</li> <li>Any official unable to travel in their personal vehicle, should contact the club Covid-19 officers, who will discuss alternatives including non-attendance</li> <li>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</li> <li>Players and Officials advised to follow published guidance</li> <li>The club will have little influence over how supporters will choose to travel to games. However, the club will actively promote 'best practice' guidance via its social media accounts encouraging fans to follow government guidance at all times.</li> </ul>	Individual Players and Officials	8
<ul> <li>Infection from others and infecting others as a result of travelling via organised coach travel (away games)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Players and officials</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>The club will only hire coaches from reputable travel operators</li> <li>The Club will work closely with travel operators to ensure travel</li> </ul>	•	



Area of Operation	Risks Identified	Who may be at risk	Inherent Risk Score	<ul> <li>arrangements have been risk assessed and measures implemented</li> <li>All persons travelling via organised travel will be asked to wear face masks and maintain social distancing</li> <li>North Shields FC players and officials are asked to complete online Presession Health Screening Questionnaire - <a href="https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57">https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57</a> prior to travel</li> <li>All spectators will be asked to complete a self-assessment before entering the ground.</li> <li>All passengers are to have temperature checked prior to departure</li> </ul> Specific Control Measures	Risk Owner	Residual Risk Score
Entrance to the facilities & parking vehicles  Description  Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with arrival at and entrance to facility being used for football activity.	Infection from others and infecting others as a result of sharing cars	Players, officials and spectators	16	<ul> <li>General</li> <li>The club have appointed 2 x Covid-19         Officers to oversee all Covid-19 risk         assessing and operations.</li> <li>Darren Persson stadium</li> <li>On entering the Darren Persson         Stadium car park, car windows must be         firmly secured</li> <li>Players and officials from each team         must park in allocated spaces as show         below</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers</li> <li>Players</li> <li>Officials</li> <li>Club Physio</li> </ul>	RISK SCOLE

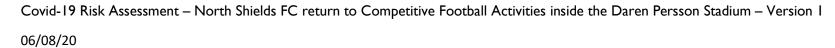




Away
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& Official
Parking

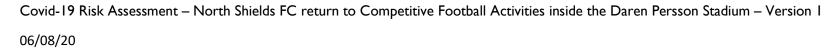
 Once parked, players and team officials will be instructed to make their way directly to the changing room/pitch via the marked one way system. This will be shown as being around the side of the changing facilities







All players and officials will have their
temperatures taken on entering the
ground, will be asked to sanitise their
hands and declare they are symptom
free.
If any person's temperature registers
above 37.8° then that person will not
be allowed into the ground and will be
asked to leave the facility
Contact details will be kept for the
purpose of NHS test and trace
Away teams will be asked to submit
details of how many parking spaces they
will require in advance of the fixture.
Parking in the grounds car park will
only be made available for spectators if
suitable space is still available following
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the arrival of all players and officials
from both teams.
Number of spectators permitted into
the ground will be capped, as per FA
guidance.
Between the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of August 2020
and the 30 <sup>th</sup> of August 2020, this
will be 150 spectators.
As of the 31st of August 2020 this
will be 300 spectators.
Each game will be allocated as an 'all
ticket' game with a requirement for
tickets to be purchased in advance of
the game. Spectators will not be
permitted entry on the day without a
pre-ordered ticket unless it can be





				<ul> <li>safely demonstrated that the ground is under capacity.</li> <li>Spectator details will be collected in order to support NHS Test and Trace protocols.</li> <li>Spectators will be required to observe social distancing when queuing to gain entry to the ground.</li> <li>Expectations surrounding entry to the ground will be communicated at the same time as tickets are posted to supporters.</li> </ul>		
Area of Operation	Risks Identified	Who may be at risk	Inherent Risk Score	Specific Control Measures	Risk Owner	Residual Risk Score
Facilities  Description  Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with use of the facilities at stadiums training venue.  Includes risks associated with:  Changing Showering Sharing playing kit Toilets and Handwashing Access to pitches	Changing Rooms:  Infection from others in close contact, within the changing rooms	Players and     Officials	16	<ul> <li>Changing facilities will not available for either team.</li> <li>Both teams will be encouraged to undertake team talks outside.</li> <li>Hand sanitiser will be made available to players and officials as they enter the ground</li> <li>Toilets within the facilities will be cleaned after each use – specifically before teams arrive, during the first half when unoccupied and again during the second half when unoccupied.</li> <li>Showers will not be available. Players advised to shower at home following the game.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers</li> <li>Individual Players</li> <li>Team Management</li> </ul>	4



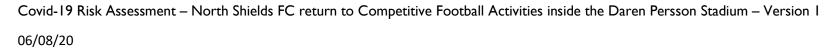
	Once players are changed out of their playing kit they must leave the facilities immediately. Additional signage will be placed around the ground displaying key Covid-19 messages	
em others in close hin the Club House  Players, Officials and Spectators	house will be set at 40 and entry to and from the club house managed accordingly. Seating will be removed from the clubhouse and fans asked not to congregate inside the clubhouse.  Test and trace information will be kept on record for all persons entering the club-house.  All persons entering the club-house will be expected to self-assess and declare they are symptom free before entering. Whilst inside the club-house, social distancing measure will be expected to be adhered to.  A number of tables and chairs will be suitably removed from the club house to ensure social distancing is not breached.	



		<ul> <li>Club-house toilets will be cleaned and soap dispenser replenished more regularly.</li> <li>Beer mats will be removed from club house tables.</li> <li>An additional outside seating area will be created to support with the management of numbers in and out for the club house.</li> <li>Post-match food will not be served to players and officials in the club house. Instead, players and officials will be asked to collect their food from the outside canteen and asked to eat it in the designated area outside the club house</li> </ul>		
Seated spectators viewing area (North Shields Butchers Stand)  Infection from others in close contact within seated spectator viewing areas.	Spectators and Officials	<ul> <li>Capacity of this stand will be set at 50</li> <li>Access to this stand will be monitored by club officials.</li> <li>Seating arrangements will be made accordingly to ensure social distancing is maintained.</li> <li>In the event of inclement weather, consultation with the match official will take place in order to assess the ongoing safety of arrangements made in the event spectators migrate to covered hard standing areas.</li> </ul>	•	
Hard standing spectator viewing areas (all hard standing around 4 sides of ground)	Spectators and Officials	Spectators will be asked to maintain social distancing around all hard standing viewing areas.	•	



	Infection from others in close contact within hard-standing spectator viewing areas.					Additional signage will be displayed around the ground to remind spectators of this.  In the event of inclement weather, consultation with the match official will take place in order to assess the ongoing safety of arrangements made in the event spectators migrate to covered hard standing areas.			
	Toilet block  Infection from others in close contact within the toilet block.	•	Spectators and Officials		•	Access to toilet facilities at the ground will be monitored to ensure no overcrowding.  Toilets will be cleaned more frequently than usual to ensure hygiene measures are maintained.	•		
	Canteen  Infection from others in close contact whilst purchasing refreshments from the canteen.	•	Spectators and Officials		•	Spectators wishing to be served at the canteen must observe social distancing when queueing.	•		
Activity Delivery  Description  Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with playing of football at the Daren Persson stadium.	Infection from others due close contact, including transfer of bodily fluid during matches	•	Players and Officials	16	•	North Shields FC players and officials are asked to complete online Presession Health Screening Questionnaire - <a href="https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57">https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57</a> Details of all attendees are held in order to support NHS Test and Trace scheme.  North Shields FC players have been given a clear, Covid-19 specific code of conduct to follow. A copy of this will be displayed at the entrance to the	•	Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management Individual players	12





ground and given to opposition players
on arrival.
Chewing gum is prohibited at matches.
Players should bring their own drinks
Hand sanitisers will be made available at
matches.
Pre-match handshakes should not
happen. Instead players will be asked to
hand-sanitise before kick-off.
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 to attend
matches but must always observe social
distancing on touchlines/dug-outs.
Social-distancing must also be observed
during interactions when a substitution
is being made. Additional seating will be
provided for team officials and
substitutes to ensure this is maintained.
Technical areas will be enlarged for
management staff.
Players are asked to avoid goal
celebrations.
Interactions with referees and match
assistants should only happen with
players observing social distancing.
Pre match, a safety briefing will be held
between the referee and the Club's



	Infection from handling equipment	Players and     Officials	16	Covid-19 officers. This will be for the purpose of discussing how the game will be managed in the event either party consider the arrangements to have become 'unsafe'  • All surfaces and door handles will be cleaned regularly  All venues  • All match equipment to be disinfected before and after use and used in isolation by individuals as much as possible  • 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.  • Goal posts will be disinfected pre games, at half time and at full time.  • Footballs that go out of play will be disinfected by committee members	<ul> <li>Appointed         Club Covid-19         Officers</li> <li>Team         Management</li> <li>Individual         players</li> </ul>	4
				before being returned.		
Area of Operation	Risks Identified	Who may be at risk	Inherent Risk Score	Specific Control Measures	Risk Owner	Residual Risk Score
Medical Provision/Needs  Description  Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with provision of medical treatments	Infection from others due close contact	Players and Officials	16	<ul> <li>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)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers</li> <li>Team Management</li> </ul>	8



Safeguarding  Description  Consideration of wider safeguarding risks associated with U'18's participating in sessions	Infection of young player aged under 18	Player and player's family	16	<ul> <li>Manual therapies and support treatments (e.g. strappings and rubdowns) are not permitted</li> <li>Club physio to wear appropriate PPE as appropriate – PPE available</li> <li>In the event life or limb treatment is required, government guidance on resuscitation to be followed</li> <li>Where PPE is soiled with bodily fluids (e.g. blood or saliva) arrangements made for clinical waste to be disposed of correctly.</li> <li>Appropriate parental consent gathered before the player is able to play. For away players, it is expected the away club organise this.</li> <li>Players and officials given the opportunity to 'opt out' of the arrangements made.</li> <li>Information given to the player before the match starts as to how to report a concern, if they have one</li> <li>Suitably qualified coaches and staff employed in role</li> </ul>
Player and Officials Awareness  Description  Consideration of risks associated with a lack of awareness of required protocols.	Infection from others and infecting others as a result not following strict protocol	Players and     Officials	16	<ul> <li>Players informed of information before session via team's 'WhatsApp' group</li> <li>Away team Risk Assessment and information shared with the players via team's 'WhatsApp' group</li> <li>Team Management on site before North Shields FC players arrive to ensure protocols set up and enforced</li> </ul>



		Players reminded in person of
		protocols when on site
		Copy of Risk Assessments circulated
		to Club Secretary with request for him
		to circulate to away team secretaries
		and other committee members, for
		their awareness, in the event there are
		other individuals required to be at the
		venue

#### **Additional Notes**

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

• <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>

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:

- https://www.thefa.com/news/2020/aug/19/updated-guidelines-for-return-of-spectators-190820
- 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-fags.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
- <a href="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/clubs-and-coaches---covid-19-first-aid-guidance-for-returning-to-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx</a>
- 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 Agreement:

Risk Assessment Agreed by:

Steve Arkle Sean Mulligan



Position: North Shields FC Management Team Position: Club Covid-19 Officer

Date: 19/08/20 Date:

Signed: Marc Nash - Signed: Steve Arkle - SARKLE

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Steve Swinyard -

Graeme Scott -