

### Covid-19 Risk Assessment

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

North Shields FC | 05/12//20



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

Event/Activity Title:	Return to competitive football activities insider the DPS					
Venue:	Daren Persson Stadium					
Date:	05/12/20 onwards and ongoing from this date					
Date of Risk Assessment 05/12//20						
Assessor(s)	Marc Nash, Anthony Woodhouse, Steve Swinyard & Graeme Scott					
Appointed Covid-19 Officer(s)	Sean Mulligan & Steve Arkle					
Estimated number of participants:	Behind Closed Doors – Reviewed by Government on 12 <sup>th</sup> December					

#### **Risk Description**

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

Following the Football Association announcement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 that the government has given halted 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 training, The Daren Persson stadium and offer mitigating actions to help ensure any return remain safe for all in attendance. The Northern League Is suspended until further notice so no competitive football will take place.



#### **Understanding Risk**

#### Analysis of Risk

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

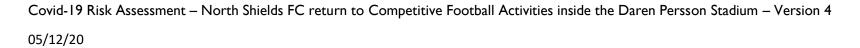
Inherent Risk - The risk of an incident happening if no control measures whatsoever are applied to the situation

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:

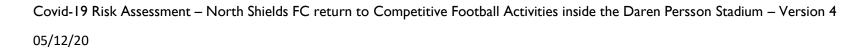
Risk Matrix				Consequences	Risk Score = Likelihood x Consequences		
		Insignificant (1) No injuries / minimal financial loss	Minor (2) First aid treatment / medium financial loss	Moderate (3) Medical treatment / high financial loss	Major (4) Hospitable / large financial loss	Catastrophic (5) Death / massive financial loss	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
<u>Description</u>	infecting others as a result of players sharing cars			are asked to complete online Pre- session Health Screening	Players and Officials	
<u>Description</u>	or players sharing cars			Questionnaire -	Officials	
Risk of Covid-19 infection				https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57		
risks associated with travel				prior to travel		
to and from football venues.				<ul> <li>For both home and away games</li> </ul>		
venues.				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		
				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		
				<ul> <li>Players and staff are advised to</li> </ul>		
				regularly clean the inside of their		
				personal vehicles		





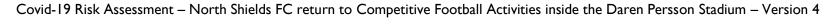
	Players and staff are advised to
	regularly clean the inside of their
	personal vehicles
	For away games players and officials
	are encouraged make arrangements to
	travel independently. However, where
	absolutely necessary, players may, with
	permission of the first team manager,
	share transport with 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 covering arrangements to
	Consider seating arrangements to     maximise distance
	between people in the vehicle
	Regularly sanitise their hands,
	especially after entering or exiting
	the vehicle
	Wash their hands for at least 20
	seconds or sanitise their hands as
	soon as the journey is complete



Infection from others and infecting others as a result of players using public transport	Players, officials	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> </ul>	Individual     Players and     Officials	8
Infection from others and infecting others as a result of travelling via organised coach travel (away games)	Players and officials		<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 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 - https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57 prior to travel</li> </ul>		



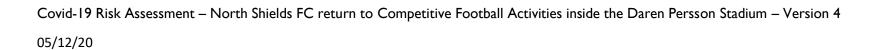
Area of Operation	Risks Identified	Who may be at risk	Inherent Risk Score	<ul> <li>All spectators will be asked to complete a self-assessment before entering the ground.</li> <li>All passengers are to have temperature checked prior to departure</li> <li>Specific Control Measures</li> </ul>	Risk Owner	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	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>	8





05/12/20 Team & Official Parking Home Team & 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



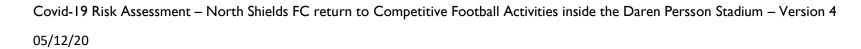


	ground, will be asked to sanitise their hands and declare they are symptom free.  If any person's temperature registers above 37.8° then that person will not be allowed into the ground and will be asked to leave the facility  Contact details will be kept for the purpose of NHS test and trace  Away teams 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 the arrival of all players and officials from both teams.  No spectators to be permitted access to ground, changing facilities or clubhouse whilst training is taking place.	
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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>Only 3 people allowed in each changing room at any one time.</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> <li>Once players are changed out of their playing kit they must leave the facilities immediately. No food or alcohol will be served.</li> <li>Additional signage will be placed around the ground displaying key Covid-19 messages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers</li> <li>Individual Players</li> <li>Team Management</li> </ul>	4
	Club House:  Infection from others in close contact within the Club House	Players, Officials		<ul> <li>Access to the clubhouse building will granted on the basis that government guidance for licenced premises is followed.</li> </ul>	•	





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.
Increased levels of signage will be
displayed in the club house to ensure
good hygiene practices are observed.
Club-house toilets will be cleaned and
soap dispenser replenished more
regularly.
Beer mats will be removed from club
house tables.
An additional outside seating area will
be created to support with the
management of numbers in and out for
the club house.
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



Seated spectators viewing area (North Shields Butchers Stand)  Infection from others in close contact within seated spectator viewing areas.	• 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)  Infection from others in close contact within hard-standing spectator viewing areas.	• Officials	<ul> <li>Spectators will be asked to maintain social distancing around all hard standing viewing areas.</li> <li>Additional signage will be displayed around the ground to remind spectators of this.</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>	
Toilet block  Infection from others in close contact within the toilet block.	Spectators and     Officials	<ul> <li>Access to toilet facilities at the ground will be monitored to ensure no overcrowding.</li> <li>Toilets will be cleaned more frequently than usual to ensure hygiene measures are maintained.</li> </ul>	
<u>Canteen</u>	Spectators and     Officials	<ul> <li>Spectators wishing to be served at the canteen must observe social distancing when queueing.</li> </ul>	•



	Infection from others in close contact whilst purchasing refreshments from the canteen.						
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	<ul> <li>Darren Persson stadium</li> <li>North Shields FC players and officials are asked to complete online Presession Health Screening Questionnaire - https://forms.gle/aTowPpRJLspPPxr57</li> <li>Details of all attendees are held in order to support NHS Test and Trace scheme.</li> <li>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 ground and given to opposition players on arrival.</li> <li>Chewing gum is prohibited at matches.</li> <li>Players should bring their own drinks</li> <li>Hand sanitisers will be made available at matches.</li> <li>Pre-match handshakes should not happen. Instead players will be asked to hand-sanitise before kick-off.</li> <li>Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible.</li> <li>Warm-ups/cool-downs should always observe social distancing.</li> <li>Coaches, other team staff and substitutes are allowed to attend</li> </ul>	•	Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management Individual players	12





			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 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		
Infection from handling equipment	Players and     Officials	16	<ul> <li>All venues</li> <li>All match equipment to be disinfected before and after use and used in isolation by individuals as much as possible</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appointed         Club Covid-19         Officers</li> <li>Team         Management</li> <li>Individual         players</li> </ul>	4



				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 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> <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>Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers  Team Management</li> <li>Management</li> </ul>
Safeguarding  Description  Consideration of wider safeguarding risks	<ul> <li>Infection of young player aged under 18</li> </ul>	Player and player's family	16	<ul> <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>Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers</li> <li>Team Management</li> </ul>



associated with U'18's participating in sessions				<ul> <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> <li>Players reminded in person of protocols when on site</li> <li>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</li> </ul>

#### **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:

- 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
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- 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)

Date:

Risk Assessment completed by: Marc Nash

Anthony Woodhouse

Steve Swinyard Graeme Scott

Position: North Shields FC Management Team

Signed: Marc Nash -

Anthony Woodhouse -

Steve Swinyard -

Graeme Scott -

Agreement:

Risk Assessment Agreed by: Steve Arkle

Sean Mulligan

Position: Club Covid-19 Officer

Date: 06/12/2020

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