



Covid-19 Risk Assessment

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

North Shields FC Covid-19 Officers | 28/03/2021



Event/Activity Details

Event/Activity Title:	Training & Matchdays inside the Daren Persson Stadium
Venue:	Daren Persson Stadium
Date:	w/c 29 th March 2020 and ongoing from this date
Date of Risk Assessment	28 th March 2021
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 that the government has given approval for the return of grassroots football , training sessions and friendlies to restart from 29th March. The North Shields Football Club COVID Officers have worked to produce this risk assessment with 2 sets of players from either team along with Committee Members in attendance with all games played behind closed doors with no spectators in attendance.

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) Hospital / 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
<p>Travel & Transport</p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p>Risk of Covid-19 infection risks associated with travel to and from football venues.</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 	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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Players and Officials 	8



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<p><u>Entrance to the facilities & parking vehicles</u></p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with arrival at and entrance to facility being used for football activity.</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, officials and committee members 	<p>16</p>	<p>with their household in line with government guidance and inform the Club immediately</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players and Officials advised to follow published guidance <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. Sean Mulligan and Steve Arkle <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. 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) – <i>(Friendlies – Main gate will be secured shut. Players and officials to use players gate by entering through yellow gates)</i> where their suitability to participate in the football activity will be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Players Officials Club Physio 	<p>8</p>



assess by Club physio. Social distancing will apply at all times in holding area. Home players will have their temperature taken. All players & officials are advised to have this checked and to wash hands on entrance to ground.





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<p>Facilities</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with use of facilities at training venue.</p> <p>Includes risks associated with:</p> <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 	<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 (Training Sessions & Matchdays) • Clear 'one-way' system deployed at pitches • Social Distancing to be observed as best as possible whilst in changing facilities for friendly games. Teams to use the Stands. • Kit to be taken off after game and placed in kit bag the correct way. <p><u>Changing Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing Rooms will remain closed until further notice. <p><u>Tea Hut</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea hut will remain closed for general sales until further notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers • Individual Players • Team Management 	<p>4</p>



<p>Activity Delivery</p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with use of facilities at training venue</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 	<p>16</p>	<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.</p> <p>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 	<p>12</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection from handling equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players and Officials 	<p>16</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 	<p>4</p>



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<p>Medical Provision/Needs</p> <p><i>Description</i></p> <p>Risk of Covid-19 infection associated with provision of medical treatments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection from others due 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 notified of its location. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Club Covid-19 Officers Team Management 	8
<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 	<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		
<p><u>Player and Officials Awareness</u></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 & 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. <p>https://www.northshieldsfc.co.uk/covid-19/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual players and Team Management 	8

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: Sean Mulligan
Steve Arkle

Position: North Shields FC Covid-19 Officers

Date: 28/03/2021

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: 28/03/2021

Signed: Steve Swinyard *S Swinyard*

