

Northwich Vixens LFC

COVID-19 Risk Assessment for Season 2020-21



Club Statement:

Due to global COVID 19 Pandemic football was put into lockdown alongside broad sections of society and the economy. As the FA look to get the game moving again, the FA and our League require that clubs produce a COVID 19 Risk Assessment and appoint a COVID 19 Officer. Northwich Vixens have chosen Tony Heron as their COVID 19 Officer and in addition has also appointed the Clubs Safeguarding Officer Karl Goodwin to support the creation, review and update of this Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan. The latest document will be placed on the club's website.

Risk Assessment:	Northwich Vixens LFC
2020/21 Affiliation No:	W-CHE3646
Date Compiled/Reviewed:	13/01/2020
Risk Assessors:	Tony Heron & Karl Goodwin
Covid Officer	Tony Heron
Who is at Risk?:	Players, Coaches, Staff, Parents/Carers, Spectators
Insurer:	Bluefin Sport
Venues:	Training Venue: Hartford Campus, Chester Road, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 1LH
	First Team Home Pitch: Lostock Gralam FC, Park Stadium, Manchester Rd, Lostock Gralam, CW9 7PJ, Northwich
	Development Team Home Pitch: Moss Farm Leisure Complex, Moss Lane, Winnington, Northwich, CW8 4BG
Review Date:	To be reviewed in line with UK Government guidance updates: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus or FA guidance updates: https://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jul/17/grassroots-guidance-for-competitive-football-restart-in-england-170720

Please answer Yes (1) or No (0) to the following questions to determine a risk assessment score that incorporates factors specific to football activities	Yes (1)/No (0)
Will the training be held in a country that has documented active local transmission of COVID-19?	1
Are local transmission levels of COVID-19 increasing ?	1
Is the football activity being held at multiple venues at the same time?	0
Does the venue restrict the implementation of the required COVID-19 controls?	0
Will the activity be held indoors?	0
Will tournaments be held by the club where multiple teams will be present?	0
Will the activity include participants that are not known to the club and therefore the club has no contact details for?	0
Will the activity include junior teams that require additional control measures?	0
Will the activity include vulnerable adults that require additional control measures?	0
Is the venue site unsecured leading to general access to the public?	0
Is there uncontrolled access to the facility building?	0
Will the activity include contact between players?	1
Does the current guidelines forbid playing football, including small sided games?	0
Will the activity include people classed as vulnerable to COVID-19 who have been advised to shield?	0
Will the activity include a significant number of spectators or non-essential staff?	0
Total COVID-19 risk score	3

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Topic	Key consideration for the safe return to football activities	Score Yes/Completed (2), Maybe/In progress (1), No/Not considered (0)	Weighting	Total score	Mitigating actions taken
Understanding of the current COVID-19 situation by the club	Have the relevant organisers and responsible staff been informed about the most up-to-date COVID-19 outbreak guidance available?	2	2	4	Following latest Government and FA guidelines and club guidance issued
	Is the club and responsible staff committed to following the available guidance?	2	2	4	Club guidance issued that details the latest government and FA guidelines to be followed by all staff
	Does the club and responsible staff understand the nature of COVID-19, its risks and transmission routes, clinical signs and symptoms and the steps that can be taken by organisers and attendees to limit the spread and transmission?	2	2	4	Club guidance details the clinical signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and actions required to limit the risks of COVID-19 transmission
	Does the club and responsible staff recognise best practices (including respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, public physical distancing, use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and the travel restrictions in place?	2	2	2	Club guidance issued and includes best practice to be followed by all staff, players and parents/carers of under 18's
	Does the clubs insurance policies cover COVID-19 football activities?	2	3	6	Club insurance checked and covers football activities during the COVID-19 pandemic
Participant Health Checks	Does the club and participants understand the instances where staff, players and parents/carers must not attend the football activity?	2	3	2	Club guidance issued and details the clinical signs and symptoms of COVID-19. 1. Participants who display symptoms must not attend football activity 2. Participants with a household member who is displaying symptoms must not attend football activity 3. Participants who have been advised to 'shield' due to existing underlying medical conditions must not attend football activity 4. Participants who have been advised to isolate as a result of the NHS Track and Trace system, must not attend football activity, nor should any member of their household 5. Participants who are members of the BAME community who may face heightened risks from Covid-19 could choose not to return to football activity at this time
	Are there established screening measures on arrival, forms for pre-existing health conditions, possible contact tracing measures?	2	2	4	SCREENING MEASURES FOR TRAINING AND GAMES ARE: 1. NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED 2. CONTACT TRACING WILL BE IN PLACE 3. TEMPERATURE CHECKS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
	Do the players know who to contact if they are feeling unwell during the football activity?	2	3	6	Detailed in club guidance issued. Players to inform a member of the clubs staff immediately
	Has health advice on the clinical features of COVID-19 and preventive measures, especially respiratory etiquette, hand-hygiene practices, and physical distancing, been shared with all staff involved in the event, the players, the public, and the personnel of all relevant stakeholders?	2	3	6	Club guidance issued to all players, coaches, staff and parents/carers of under 18's prior to the resumption of football activity
	Have organisers provided health advice to footballers on limiting personal contact and spitting?	2	2	4	Part of the club guidance issued to all players
Venue	Can the football activity venue be modified to allow all mitigation measures to be implemented (transportation, social distancing on arrival and departure. etc.)?	2	2	4	Training and match day venues have been assessed and comply with all mitigating measures
	Are football activity venue controls in place (e.g. changing rooms, toilets etc.)?	2	2	4	Changing room restrictions in place. Toilets can be used in line with the facilities controls. Participants to limit the time spent indoors at the venue and use masks
Hygiene	Hygiene: What is the procedure to ensure the correct hygiene procedures are followed and the availability of hand sanitiser/alcohol rubs at football activity?	2	3	6	Detailed in club guidance issued. Participants to wash hands before and after football activity and must provide their own hand sanitiser for use during football activity
	Cleaning & disinfection: What is the procedure to ensure the availability of cleaning materials, disinfectants for the sanitation of football activity equipment?	2	3	6	Detailed in club guidance issued. Coaches to clean down all equipment before and after football activity
	Has a cleaning schedule been developed to ensure that the football activity equipment is clean and hygienic (wiping down of equipment regularly with disinfectant is required bibs can only be worn once by the same player before washing)?	2	3	6	Protocol for cleaning of all football activity equipment including bibs is included in the club guidance
Safeguarding	Have specific safeguarding controls been identified for players who are under 18 years of age in terms of consideration of whether a return is right for the player?	2	3	6	1. Consideration of psychological impact of returning to football activity in a COVID-19 environment 2. Consent to be gained from each parent/carer to confirm their agreement that each player can return to and participate in football activity and that the players, parents/carers understand the requirements to follow Government and FA guidance.
	Have specific safeguarding controls been identified for players who are under 18 years of age in terms of parent/carer responsibilities for their child at football activity?	2	3	6	X1 parent per U18 is permitted but must social distance at all times. No other spectators allowed at training or games. Additional parents and carers are to wait in their cars if they stay at the facility.
football activity protocols	Does the club have a plan to limit the size of football activity groups plus the number of essential and non-essential staff and also parents/carers of under 18's?	2	3	6	Club guidance issued and will be followed by all staff, players and parents/carers of under 18's
	To ensure that all players, coaches, staff and parents/carers of under 18's understand the football activity procedure is there a risk communication strategy in place relating to COVID-19?	2	3	6	Club guidance issued to all players, coaches, staff and parents/carers of under 18's prior to the resumption of football activity
	Have the organisers developed a protocol on physical distancing of support staff during football activity?	2	3	6	Part of the club guidance issued to all coaching staff
	Will the players be separated from other groups, such as officials, support staff, parents/carers of under 18's, to limit transmission?	2	2	4	Players will be separated into small groups as per FA guidance outside of gameplay
	Are there measures in place to limit the sharing of equipment, water bottles etc.?	2	3	6	Players to provide their own water bottles and keep their personal items, bags etc. away from other participants
Administration of first aid	Do the clubs first aiders understand what kind of threat COVID-19 could pose to human health and the specific COVID-19 health risks and procedures for dealing with players displaying symptoms of COVID-19?	2	2	4	Latest FA first aider guidance issued by the club
	Do the clubs first aiders understand what kind of threat COVID-19 could pose to human health and the specific COVID-19 health risks and procedures for dealing with players requiring first aid at football activity?	2	2	4	FA first aider guidance issued by the club Additional PPE to be worn if first aider needs to attend to an injury
	Within the club is there a specified first aider who is responsible for ensuring that any COVID-19 specific PPE is readily available at football activity?	2	3	6	First aider appointed and responsible for ensuring that gloves, face masks, face shields are made readily available at football activity
Taking action if infection rates rise in the	Does the club have protocols to notify participants of possible exposure to COVID-19 if the club is made aware of any suspected or confirmed cases that attended football activity?	2	2	4	Club has contact details for all attendees

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Rates rise in the community	Is there a decision-making authority/body and an agreed procedure to modify, restrict, postpone or cancel football activity due to an evolving COVID-19 outbreak?	2	2	4	Club to adhere to any changes in government or FA guidance

Sum of mitigation measures	130
Total mitigation score (%)	100

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COVID-19 Overall Risk Score for Season 2020-21



Total COVID-19 risk score Risk Assessment	3
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Overall risk <u>WITHOUT</u> Mitigation Actions
Moderate

Overall risk <u>WITH</u> Mitigation Actions
Low

Total mitigation % score for Mitigation Checklist	100
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Risk v. Mitigation Matrix

Total Risk Assessment Score	Very prepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts %(76-100)	Somewhat prepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts %(51-75)	Somewhat unprepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts %(26-50)	Very unprepared to mitigate COVID-19 impacts %(0-25)
0 - Negligible	Very low	Very low	Very low	Very low
1 - Very low risk	Very low	Very low	Low	Low
2 - Low risk	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
3 - Moderate risk (low-moderate)	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
4 - Moderate risk (high-moderate)	Moderate	Moderate	High	Very high
5 - High risk	High	High	Very high	Very high
6+ - Very high risk	Very high	Very high	Very high	Very high

KEY FOR COLOUR DETERMINATION OF OVERALL RISK

VERY LOW	Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to a return to training is considered very low.
LOW	Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to a return to training is considered low. Recommend checking whether mitigation measures can be strengthened.
MODERATE	Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to a return to training is considered moderate. Recommend significant efforts to improve mitigation measures or reduce risk of transmission (decrease risk assessment score).
HIGH	Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to a return to training is considered high. Recommend significant efforts to improve both mitigation measures and reduce risk of transmission (decrease risk assessment score).
VERY HIGH	Overall risk of transmission and further spread of COVID-19 in relation to a return to training is considered very high.

Signed, Club Covid Officer: _____

Date: 13/11/2020

Signed, Club Welfare Officer: _____

Date: 13/11/2020

Signed, Club Chairperson: _____

Date: 13/11/2020