



BRIGHOUSE TOWN

VERSUS

SHEFFIELD F.C.

AT THE

YORKSHIRE PAYMENTS STADIUM

BRIGHOUSE

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2020



MATCHDAY RISK ASSESSMENT

IN RELATION TO COVID-19

Risk Score	Who might be harmed	Controls required	Additional controls	Action taken by whom?
1	Users Staff Players Public Spectators Officials	1. ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE CLUB STADIUM All players, officials, volunteers and spectators must undergo a self-assessment for any Covid-19- symptoms. No-one should leave home to participate in any activities at this Club if they, or someone they live with, has any Covid-19 symptoms.	This guidance will be posted on the official Club website with advice to follow NHS and Government guidelines regarding self-isolating and requesting a Covid-19 test	No further action required
3	Staff Players Match Officials Volunteers	2. COMMUNICATING CLEARLY AND REGULARLY Communicate with coaching staff and officials of both clubs involved in the match along with match officials about the steps we have taken to make our facility safe. Create posters and signage throughout all areas to promote your new protocols regarding:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing (two-metre spacing); • Hygiene (hand washing/sanitisers); • Traffic flow (entrance/exits); • Restricted areas. 	Liaise with identified persons to ensure that they are fully aware of the steps taken to ensure that the facilities on matchday will be safe. A training guide has been developed which all players should acknowledge their understanding.	Email R.A. to appropriate people. Posters to be obtained/ created V.P. has ensured that players of BTAFC are aware of the player risk assessment
3	Staff Players Match Officials Volunteers	3. PROMOTING GOOD HYGIENE Promoting good hygiene throughout the Club by providing sanitisers, sufficient disposable towels, waste bins.	Provide hand sanitisers at the entrance and exit to the pitches and advise users to bring their own hand sanitiser, marked with their own name. Create a more rigid cleaning regime. Provide additional waste facilities and more frequent rubbish collection.	Hand sanitising gel to be purchased. Regime in place for emptying of bins.. Sufficient bins are in place. Included in Matchday RA

3	Players Staff Match Officials Volunteers	4. TRAVELLING TO THE MATCH Everyone travelling to the match should follow best practice and try to minimise use of public transport.	<p>No-one should travel to matches with anyone from outside their own household or support bubble. If people from the same household or support bubble travel together in a vehicle, they should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the transport with the same people each time; Keep to small groups of people at any one time; Open windows for ventilation; Face away from each other; Clean the car between journeys, especially handles and other areas that are touched; Ask the driver and all passengers to wear a face covering; Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance others in the vehicle – this may mean using more than one coach or minibus and the wearing of face coverings; Use regular hand sanitisation by passengers on a coach or minibus; Limit the time spent at garages, petrol stations and motorway services; Keep distance from other people and if possible, pay by contactless; Wash or sanitise hands often, and always when exiting or re-entering the vehicle or upon completion of the journey. 	<p>As part of this generic Risk Assessment it will be posted on the official Club website.</p> <p>Also included in the Player Guide</p>
3	Players	5. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE FROM THE GROUND Advice for persons travelling to a game	<p>Persons travelling to the match at the Yorkshire Payments Stadium must not car-share with another person from a different household.</p> <p>All players should arrive at the time agreed with the Head Coach and leave immediately after showering and changing.</p> <p>They should not congregate by gates and in the car park and if communication is necessary, they must adhere to social distancing.</p>	<p>Is included in the player/user training guide and posted on the Club webpage</p>
4	Staff Players Match Officials	6. CHANGING ROOMS & SHOWERS	<p>Changing rooms and showers will be available with strict social distancing rules in force.</p> <p>BTAFC will field players at the discretion of the Head Coach who will have informed players when they are likely to take part in this match. This will allow for staggered changing within the changing room.</p>	<p>Social distancing reminder at the entrance to the block.</p> <p>Notices to be posted on the entrance door to the changing rooms showing maximum occupancy numbers.</p> <p>Social distancing posters within the changing rooms</p> <p>Team managers/coaches to speak to their own team players Sheffield FC to be advised</p>

			<p>Sheffield FC players should arrive and meet as pre-arranged with their Head Coach</p> <p>The Home Dressing Room can only accommodate a maximum of SEVEN players who can change at the same time in order to comply with social distancing. With mitigation, ELEVEN players may be allowed in at any one time.</p> <p>The Away Dressing Room can only accommodate a maximum of SIX players who can change at the same time in order to comply with social distancing. With mitigation, ELEVEN players may be allowed in at any one time.</p> <p>The shower facilities in both HOME and AWAY changing rooms can accommodate THREE people at any one time. Players are requested to shower quickly and then move off to allow others to do likewise.</p> <p>Players should depart from the changing rooms as soon as possible in order to allow other players who may be waiting, to also shower and change.</p> <p>Windows and doors should be open to allow for increased ventilation.</p>	<p>that staggered changing times will need to be operated to adhere to social distancing.</p> <p>Notices at the entrance to showers stating maximum occupancy at any one time is THREE persons.</p> <p>The referees changing room has one shower but just enough room for three people to change safely. They will be advised accordingly and it left to their discretion as to how they wish to proceed.</p> <p>Antibacterial sprays are available in all the shower areas and toilets with hand sanitiser gel in the changing rooms. Signs requesting to spray after use will be posted.</p>
2	Users Staff Players	7. TOILET FACILITIES	<p>Indoor toilet facilities in the changing room block can be used during the match as per the item 6 above</p> <p>Persons using toilets should spray the areas of bodily contact before and after use ie. toilet seat and flush/door handle and then wash hands thoroughly. Use paper towels. Anti-bacterial sprays will be provided in the toilet cubicles.</p> <p>Avoid touching surfaces where possible.</p> <p>Toilets should be cleaned regularly and all surfaces cleaned thoroughly. Liquid hand soap, toilet paper and paper towels will be provided.</p>	<p>Notices to be posted</p> <p>Notices to be posted</p> <p>Notices to be posted</p> <p>Notices to be posted</p>
		8. PERSONAL HYGIENE	<p>Players should refrain from spitting AT ALL TIMES. Any tissues used should be placed in a bin which must be emptied after each session.</p>	

2	Users Staff Players		<p>Where equipment is handled by more than one person, those involved must wash their hands thoroughly.</p> <p>Players should provide their own PPE if they feel the need to use it whilst off the field of play. Such items must be disposed of in bins provided.</p> <p>Players bringing their own bottles of water should ensure that they are clearly marked with their name. Shared drinking bottles are not permitted.</p> <p>Players should be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitising gel in a clearly marked bottle.</p> <p>All personally owned equipment should be wiped down with anti-bacterial wipes or disinfectant after each session.</p>	Included within the Player Guide and the generic Risk Assessment, both of which will be posted on the Club website
2	Users Staff Players	9. EQUIPMENT & SHARING EQUIPMENT	<p>Touching equipment should be avoided where possible. Footballs should be kicked and not handled.</p> <p>Sharing of equipment with other groups should be limited.</p> <p>Bibs should not be used unless they are washed after EVERY session.</p> <p>All equipment must be cleaned after use. This includes footballs. A named person should be identified as being responsible after each session and not just assumed that someone else will do the job.</p> <p>The person washing the kit should then wash and sanitise their hands immediately after touching soiled clothing.</p>	<p>This information is included in the player/user training guide and will be posted on the website.</p> <p>Antibacterial sprays and sanitising gel is provided for the players and staff in the changing rooms and toilets</p> <p>DL and VP are aware of the required cleaning and will conform to the recommendations.</p>
				Signs will be fixed to the top of both dug outs recommending that social distancing is adhered to within.

2	Users Staff Players	10. DUG OUTS	<p>In order to maintain social distancing, a maximum of three persons should be allowed to sit within the home and away dug outs.</p> <p>Additional chairs will be provided for coaching staff and substitutes if either team requires them. The FA have allowed extensions to the technical areas in order that occupants can maintain social distancing.</p> <p>In friendly fixtures such as this game v Sheffield FC, the BTAFC head coach requires that his full squad of players should not venture too far from the technical area and should watch the game from the spectator barriers, maintaining social distancing.</p>	<p>Chairs to be made available if required on the day.</p> <p>The Sheffield FC head coach may wish to follow suit. This can be discussed via email or on the day</p>
3	Staff Players Match Officials	11. DURING A MATCH	<p>Pre-match handshake should not happen but players should sanitise before entering the field of play;</p> <p>Huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place in outdoor areas where possible but social-distancing should be observed :</p> <p>Warm-ups and cool-downs should always observe social distancing;</p> <p>Coaches, other team staff and substitutes must also observe social distancing on touchlines/dug-outs.</p> <p>Social-distancing must also be observed during interactions when a substitution is being made;</p> <p>Match preparation meetings by officials should be held by video call;</p> <p>Set plays - free kicks and corners should be taken promptly to limit prolonged close marking. Referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game and not unnecessarily prolong set play set-up, such as defensive walls;</p> <p>Goal posts should be wiped down before and after matches and at half time.</p> <p>Goal celebrations should be avoided;</p>	<p>Included in Player Risk Assessment, VP is aware.</p> <p>Chairs can be provided in the extended technical areas as at Item 10 above</p>

			<p>Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing.</p> <p>Non-participants in the game should not retrieve an out of play ball.</p> <p>Shouting should be kept to a minimum as it has been proved that it creates an additional risk of transfer</p>	
2	Staff Match Officials Players	12. SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING BREAKS (eg. HALF TIME)	<p>All participants must remain socially distanced during breaks in play, with spaced areas for equipment and refreshment storage for each individual including officials and substitutes. Coaching staff and substitutes, should, for example, spread out and avoid sharing a dug out or bench if social distancing cannot be observed. Players and officials should also observe social distancing during sin-bin instances.</p> <p>Water bottles or other refreshment containers should in no circumstances be shared. Participants are advised to bring their own drinks or refreshments, in a named container or the Club may provide individual bottles of water.</p> <p>After a game or training session, participants must maintain social distancing for social interaction. This includes changing rooms, showers, clubhouse facilities or any other place within the ground.</p> <p>Any payments relating to the fixture (match fees, officials fees) should where possible, be made in a cashless manner.</p>	<p>VP and other coaches at BTAFC are aware and the content of this section. It is also a part of the Player Guide which all players should have read and be aware of.</p> <p>Individual water bottles will be provided for this game with a view to refillable bottles, clearly marked with individual names, to be acquired for future use by VP.</p> <p>Arrangements regarding BACS transfer payments or other cashless means of payment should be discussed with the match officials prior to the date of the match.</p>
2	Staff Match Officials Players	13. ADMINISTERING FIRST AID	<p>Advise first aiders and physios to update themselves on the latest guidance when treating patients, whether players or members of the public, to protect themselves and others.</p> <p>The Club must ensure that they have the appropriate PPE to be able to deal with any circumstance which may put them into conflict with social-distancing guidance, ie. face coverings, face shields, disposable gloves & aprons and sanitising gels.</p> <p>St John's Ambulance have put together advice for first aiders to help keep themselves and others safe.</p>	<p>First aiders/physio should be aware of current NHS guidelines but will need to be spoken to in order to ensure understanding and compliance.</p>

			Physios and first aiders should keep a record of every person they have come into contact with for test and trace purposes.	
1	Players Staff Match Officials Volunteers Spectators (when permitted)	14. CLUBHOUSE, BAR & CATERING FACILITIES	At this current time, spectators are not permitted into the ground therefore bar and catering facilities will not be open.	Subject to change pending government guidelines.
2	Volunteers Staff	15. VOLUNTEER WELFARE	<p>Brighouse Town AFC relies heavily upon volunteers to effectively operate clubs so we must take time to consider all our Volunteers and how they can adapt their normal roles to maximise safety.</p> <p>As there will not be any turnstile operators, bar/catering staff nor Goalden Goal or Half Time Draw tickets on sale on the day, the risk is greatly reduced for this fixture but consideration should still be made in readiness for the go-ahead of spectators.</p> <p>To safely work, volunteers may wish to wear PPE of varying types such as;</p> <p>Gloves/face masks/coverings for those undertaking cleaning of equipment or indoor spaces;</p> <p>Plastic Screens for those volunteers serving/selling hot and cold drinks;</p> <p>Ensure that any volunteer who has any symptoms is sent home and self-isolates, requests a test from the NHS and contacts NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p>DL is aware of the recommendations regarding his work at the club.</p> <p>PPE should be available for use by people selling raffle tickets etc. although a decision should be made at committee level as to whether this will go ahead as cash will need to be handled and social distancing cannot be adhered to..</p>