

Widnes Football Club - Risk Assessment: 2020			
HAZARD	CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE	Remaining Risk	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES
Child protection	DBS checked coaches. Coaching takes place in view of parents. Photography permitted with parental consent. Consent forms available.	Low	County FA affiliation process
Goalposts (portable)	Goalposts when set out on pitch should be checked by the coach before each session.	Medium	We follow FA and BSI guidelines when purchasing goal posts
Danger of collapsing in play	Portable goals must be anchored to ground or weighted, when in use, in accordance with FA and British Standards Institute advice.	Medium	
Putting up and taking down of goals	Larger metal goal posts in the higher age groups to be moved/erected by at least two people, preferably adults and if by juniors min. 14+ years and of suitable size, strength and maturity. Good communication/coordination is vital when setting and taking down goals particularly when folding/unfolding support legs when the goals are unstable as this is the key moment where toppling can occur. Care must be taken when carrying goals to avoid manual handling injury to operatives and impact injury to others still on the field. Give clear signals to stand clear especially with excitable children at play. On returning goals to containers ensure that they are stored without risk of falling and are secured Parents to assist only under direction of coaches.	Medium	Sufficient time must be given to set up pitches without introducing time factor hazards Storage within container is arranged suitably
Injuries from metal hooks used to secure goal nets (fixed goals)	Metal hooks are only in place on the cross bar, and out of reach of any child; children below the age of 16 are not allowed to put up nets; adults are advised of the potential danger of the metal hooks ie catching rings on fingers	Medium	Volunteers and coaches reminded of the hazards of wearing rings when handling metal pegs
Weather extremes	All sessions to be called off in extreme weather conditions. The interests and safety of the children are paramount, together with consideration for any young children and spectators.	Low	
General state of the pitch	Coach to check state of pitch pre-session and clear any dog foul and deal with any hazards such as foreign objects.	Medium	No dogs permitted on field at any time
Balls Too hard damaged (peeling leather)	Balls pumped to the appropriate pressure. Coaches check this at the start, and throughout the game. Heading of the ball introduced as per FA guidance and in a safe controlled manner-close range, short duration practices. Balls are thrown away when damaged.	Low	

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Footwear Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) sharp studs	Children wear appropriate footwear and shin pads when on the pitches / field of play.	Low	
Jewellery	All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before a session.	Low	
Conduct of players, officials, spectators	Coaches decisions are final and players' parents should respect this or face removal if behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable. Club codes of conduct to adhered to at all times. Dangerous play/physical violence, Abusive language, threatening behaviour, Inappropriate comment or action will not be tolerated in any circumstances	Medium	Club management in attendance conducting conduct audits. All instances are reported to management committee to be dealt with
Physical injuries from normal play	Players should warm up and cool down properly before and after matches and training sessions. Coaches have access to an adequately stocked first aid kit, and a qualified first aider on site during play Players with injuries or medical complaints should let these be known to their coach. Players must wear shin pads First aider available	Medium	Insurance cover is provided
Dehydration/Exhaustion	Drinks should be provided by individual players.	Medium	Regular drink stops should be built into all activities
Hot weather	Children to wear appropriate layers, hats and apply suncream before entering field.	Low	
Car Park	Parents should park in the main car park and not bring cars beyond the gated area	Medium	Parents to escort players onto fields
Covid - 19	Covid - 19 Safer training plan in place	Medium	

All referenced policies and documents are available on club website WWW.Widnesfootballclub.co.uk