



## Thatcham Town Harriers Football Club



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### Additional training and match guidelines for COVID-19

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**Document review date:** 31.08.2020 (or earlier if more stringent lockdown restrictions are re-imposed)

We have based our proposals below on the FA guidance published as per the document date. The guidance is subject to change and so we reserve the right to amend the guidelines to take account of such changes, without seeking your further consent.

This document has been produced in line with the FA's guidelines released on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The club is unable to take any liability or responsibility for failure of Team Managers, parents/carers and children to adhere to these regulations. All parents/carers must complete and sign a consent form before their child is permitted to take part in any training or competitive match.

Whilst we are all very keen to return to competitive football it is important that it must be done with careful consideration for everyone's safety - especially vulnerable groups, children and their families.

#### Guidelines for Parents/Carers

- **Facilities** - There will be no changing room or water facilities. I will communicate this to my child in advance.
- **Vulnerable groups** - I have made my Team Manager aware of any medical concerns that may put my child or family at risk (please use the existing medical field in the membership form). The Team Manager/Club may take the decision it is not safe for us to train. I will notify the Team Manager of any changes in our medical circumstances immediately.
- **Confirmation of attendance** - I understand that we must confirm if our child is attending a session 24 hours in advance so coaches can ensure the required child:coach ratios are maintained.
- **Termination of a training session** - A session will be terminated immediately and I will be expected to collect my child at once if:
  - A coach falls ill or is injured
  - A coach/child/spectator becomes symptomatic of Covid-19
- **Symptoms of Covid-19** - If a coach/child/family or household member becomes symptomatic of Covid-19 (please refer to government guidance for symptoms) all activities for the next 14 days will be

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cancelled and all team members and/or opposition will be immediately notified.

- **Staying Alert** - I will:
  - Complete a self-assessment on both myself and my child for any Covid 19 symptoms – confirmation of this check will be given to the coach or manager
  - Check my child's temperature before leaving for any training session or match
  - Ask my child to wash their hands where possible and/or use hand sanitiser
  - Continually remind my child of social distancing rules
  - Continually remind my child that they are not allowed to handle any training equipment
  - Not handle any training equipment myself
  - Encourage my child to use tissues or their sleeve if sneezing or coughing
  - Check the Government website to obtain the most up-to- date information regarding social distancing and any other Government measures.
- **Kit** - I will ensure of child arrives at training dressed ready to exercise with the following:
  - Labelled water bottle (enough water for a session) - to remain with parents/carers or at rest stations set at 2m apart
  - Hand sanitiser (to be used at the start and end of any session as a minimum)
  - Ensure I take home any property at the end of the session
- **Spectators** - As spectators I understand that I must:
  - Adhere to social distancing guidelines and will remain in groups of 6 or less and will remain at least 2m apart. I will remain a suitable distance from the training groups and/or pitch and if possible stay in my car.
  - I understand the danger/risk of not adhering to the above government guidelines
  - I understand the reputational risk to the club and the club's offering to the community if I ignore these guidelines
  - I understand that if any parent/carer or child ignores guidelines they run the risk of being excluded from future sessions or matches
  - I will limit the number of people attending to a parent/carer plus child (team player) where possible (consideration is obviously given to single parents/carers with more than one child)
  - I will keep my mobile switched on during any match or training session
  - Car sharing is prohibited
- **Safeguarding** - I will advise Team Managers (or Child Welfare Officer) of any safeguarding or anxiety issues my child might be experiencing. Child Welfare Officer can be contacted at [welfare@thatchamtownharriers.club](mailto:welfare@thatchamtownharriers.club)
- **First Aid** – If a child becomes injured and they cannot be treated by maintaining social distancing guidelines, the parent/carer must attend to the child unless it is life or limb threatening. Disposable face masks and gloves will be included in a team's first aid kit.

Please feel free to raise any concerns with any information contained in this document with a club official – details of which can be found on our website:- [www.thatchamtownharriers.club](http://www.thatchamtownharriers.club)

These guidelines do not replace any Government or PHE advice; nor does it provide any specific commentary or advice on health-related issues. Affected persons should therefore ensure that they seek independent advice from medical practitioners, or healthcare providers, prior to any return to football activity, as required.

Thatcham Town Harriers is proud of our @FA Charter Standard status. We are committed to delivering the best possible experience for players, referees, coaches and supporters making football safe and enjoyable for everyone. Failure to adhere to any Government or PHE advice could potentially jeopardize the club's FA Standard status.