



Thatcham Town Harriers Football Club



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Club	Thatcham Town Harriers FC
Date & Duration	13/07/2020 – continuous review on weekly basis
Project Type	COVID-19 - Safe return to football training

Thatcham Harriers COVID-19 Project Team






Responsible Persons	Club Role	Contact Number
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Risk Assessment Approval

Person	Position	Signature	Date
Karl Woodrow	Treasurer		13th July 2020
Noreen Burke	Welfare Officer	NB	13th July 2020

Risk Assessment Review

Continuous review is required to comply with FA Policy and UK Gov guidelines and the Risk Assessment policy **must** be reviewed no later than 4 weeks from the date of issue.

Person	Position	Signature	Date
Karl Woodrow	Club Secretary		29th March 2021
Karl Woodrow	Club Secretary		3rd December 2020
Karl Woodrow	Club Secretary		8th October 2020
Karl Woodrow	Club Secretary		13th September 2020
Karl Woodrow	Club Secretary		13th August 2020

Update Log

Person	Position	Updates	Date
Karl Woodrow	Club Secretary	Reviewed and updated based on latest FA guidelines published 1st December 2020.	3rd December 2020
Karl Woodrow	Club Secretary	Reviewed and updated based on latest FA guidelines published for return to football from 29th March 2021	29th March 2021

Method Statement

The aim is to be able to return to training for all age groups, but in order to do so, there are measures needed to be in place to create a safe place for players and coaches to restart whilst being able to adhere to the FA Guidelines along with the Government Guidelines that are currently in place.

The club will provide Hand Sanitiser stations for Players and Coaches at entry and exit points to the training facility.

Spectators are not allowed to attend Grassroots football matches or training unless for Safeguarding where a maximum of one adult per player is allowed. Actions below allow for just a single parent/carer to attend in order to support safeguarding requirements and be available for minor first aid where needed.

Coaches must arrive in good time (max. 30mins) before a session to set up and create safe zones or designated areas for all players for when they arrive at the training area.

All equipment to be provided by each Coach and it should be cleaned before the session and immediately afterwards, this is non-negotiable.

Parents are required to complete the self-assessment for their child and any additional person attending the training session or match.

Players are not permitted to train if showing any symptoms. Please note if one player develops symptoms after training then all players, parents & coaching staff present in that group will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

On arrival, players & parents should not congregate, please remain in your cars until the session starts. Arrival should be no earlier than 5 mins before the session starts for training and 30 mins for matches.

Parents must make their way to the designated watching area where they must stand 2m apart from any other parent. Where 2m is not possible a minimum distance of 1m must be maintained and recommendation of wearing a face covering at this distance. Any parent not adhering to the rules will be asked to leave the premises and take their player home. Per above there will be a maximum of one adult/carer per player.

At the end of the session we ask Players and Parents to leave swiftly and that no gathering around to talk should take place after a session to reduce congregation before the next session arrives.

When using council or school facilities all coaches, players, parents, supporters are required to follow an additional ruling for the venue - such as one way systems or maximum numbers in toilet facilities.

Where facilities require a check-in/out this will be the responsibility of the manager/coach leading the training session.

	1 Extremely Unlikely	2 Highly Unlikely	3 Unlikely	4 Likely
1 Harmless	No Risk	Low	Low	Medium
2 Slightly Harmful	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
3 Harmful	Low	Medium	High	High

4	Extremely Harmful	Medium	Medium	High	High
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Risk Assessment

<u>Hazard</u>	<u>Consequence</u>	<u>Person at Risk</u>	<u>Risk Control Measures</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>	<u>Risk Factor</u>
Training with others	Contracting Covid-19	Players, Coaches & Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Social distancing’ must be maintained during any activity – a minimum distance of 1m separation between individuals should be maintained at all possible times (except players during training and matches). • Provide additional hand washing and welfare facilities wherever practicable • Provide hand sanitiser where hand wash facilities are cannot be made available • Where access to welfare is not possible, ensure Players, Coaches & Parents carry water and soap in their vehicle and only use hand sanitiser where water & soap are not an option 	4	2	Medium
Where social distancing cannot be maintained	Contracting Covid-19	Players, Coaches & Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training activity to be immediately reviewed and assessed by Coaches / committee members for an alternative method for training to carry out the task allowing ‘social distancing’ <p>Completion of the self-assessment is mandatory for all training and matches. Should this not be completed the individual and parents should leave immediately. Anyone answering yes to any of the self-assessment questions should not attend training or matches and adhere to government guidelines for self-isolation.</p>	4	2	Medium

			<p>Coaches should review that all attendees have completed the self assessment form. Anyone not having completed one must do so immediately or return home.</p> <p>On review of submitted self-assessment forms with negative symptoms can continue.</p> <p>*If returning from high risk country seek guidance from GOV.UK if isolation is required</p>			
Travelling in the same vehicle	Contracting Covid-19	Players, Coaches & parents	<p>Where possible no Player, Coach or parent should travel or accept lifts from others within the team. If travelling in groups then face masks must be worn per government guidelines.</p> <p>Update: While the government guidelines are not to car share in Tier 2 and Tier 3, the exemption <i>"for supervised activities provided for children, including wraparound care (before and after-school childcare), groups and activities for under 18s, and children's playgroups"</i> means when necessary car sharing is allowed for travel to training and matches travel guidance should be followed (wear masks, open windows, sit apart).</p>	4	2	Medium
Use of Equipment	Contracting Covid-19	Players & Coaches	<p>All coaches will have their own equipment they need for their session, this equipment is not to be shared between groups during the sessions.</p> <p>All equipment is to be wiped with an antibacterial wipe or sprayed with an antibacterial spray at the start and end of each session.</p> <p>Where possible players are not permitted to use their hands to touch any equipment and coaches should move/place equipment as required.</p>	4	2	Medium

			All players and coaches are expected to provide their own drinks for the session, there should be a coned area to place the drinks in. No player or coach should touch or drink from another person's bottle at any point.			
Use of "caged" astro-turf	Contracting Covid-19	Players, Coaches & parents	<p>When using astro-turf facilities that are enclosed by fencing the following practices must be adhered to in order to minimise contact.</p> <p>Players, coaches, parents will not arrive more than 5 minutes before the session. Playing area will not be entered until it is cleared from the previous session. Where there are designated waiting areas this be used.</p> <p>Where possible there should be a separate gate for entry and exit. These should be used to minimise contact with the previous/next users of the facility.</p> <p>Where possible parents/supporters should watch from outside the fenced area.</p>	4	2	Medium