

Lawford FC Competitive Training & Match Play Risk Assessment

Risk	Risk Sub Category/Details	Mitigating Actions	Impact
Safeguarding & Communication (U7 - U18)	Non-Compliance with normal FA Safeguarding Policies and procedures	Coaches are familiar with and have also revisited FA Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.	Normal FA Safeguarding Policies and procedures complied with.
	Number of adults present at training sessions / matches	There must be a minimum of two FA-DBS-Checked adults at any one time during training / matches for junior age groups (U7 - U18).	Coaching of young players will be witnessed by at least one other adult.
	Lack of consent or knowledge of the revised guidelines we will be operating under	Written consent will be required before a player is able to participate in competitive training and matches. FA Guidance will be shared with parents prior to first competitive training session or match. Parents required to talk through with players prior to first competitive session or match.	Consent obtained upfront, parents / players aware of new guidelines.
	Players and match officials have insufficient awareness of guidelines	All players and match officials to receive safety briefing before the commencement of any fixture and to adhere to the FA Code of Behaviour.	Players aware of new guidelines.
Communication (Seniors)	Lack of consent or knowledge of the revised guidelines we will be operating under	Written consent will be required before a player is able to participate in competitive training and matches. FA Guidance will be shared with players prior to first competitive training session or match.	Consent obtained upfront, players aware of new guidelines.
	Players and match officials have insufficient awareness of guidelines	All players and match officials to receive safety briefing before the commencement of any fixture and to adhere to the FA Code of Behaviour.	Players aware of new guidelines.
	Parents/Players who could be COVID-19 positive are present at training sessions or matches	Require that any player/parent who is symptomatic or living in a household with someone who has possible or confirmed Covid-19 remains at home.	Minimised risk of a parent/player who is symptomatic attending a training session.
	Parents/Players do not have clean hands before leaving for training /matches	Parents/Players asked to wash hands before leaving for training / matches. Each player should have their own small bottle of hand sanitiser to use before and during training / matches, if not then the club will provide.	Hands will be clean at start of and during breaks in training sessions / matches thereby minimising risk of contamination.
	Travel	Follow Government guidance for travel, including minimising use of public transport.	No contamination/spreading risk.
	Players/Parents mixing with previous or next group as they arrive or leave	Staggered training start / finish times for training sessions and matches at School Lane. When training sessions / matches finish, players should be encouraged to leave School Lane rather than congregate. The coach should try to manage departures to avoid any congestion.	Distance should be maintained at all times.
	Changing into kit will lead to players mixing indoors	Active participants should arrive changed and ready to take part. The changing rooms will not be open.	No contamination/spreading risk.
	Non-Compliance with FA updated guidance during COVID-19.	Participation in competitive training limited to groups of no more than 30 (including coaches). Sessions may include multiple groups of up to 30 only where appropriate social distancing can be maintained.	Updated FA guidance complied with.
	Mixing of players during training sessions / matches	Players encouraged to avoid unnecessarily long set-up or close marking for set play (free kicks and corners). Goal celebrations should be avoided. Youth football coaches encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of players during training and matches.	No contamination/spreading risk.
	Sharing of drinks	Players asked to bring own, clearly identifiable water bottle, preferably with name on it, and place in one of the empty designated "player equipment" areas.	No contamination/spreading risk.
	Player, coaches and officials ignoring requirement to maintain social	Social distancing requirements must be observed before and after	Distance should be maintained at all times.

Risk	Risk Sub Category/Details	Mitigating Actions	Impact
Cross contamination and spreading of virus	distancing	training sessions / matches, and during any breaks in play. Coaches and substitutes must adhere to social distancing guidelines and avoid sharing a dug out or bench if social distancing cannot be observed. Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing. Any payments relating to the fixture (match fees, referee fees) should where possible, be made in a cashless manner.	
	Tying of shoe laces	Parents to ensure players can tie own laces or remain on site during the training / matches so they can assist if required.	Distance should be maintained at all times.
	Players touching or sharing equipment	Players warned to avoid touching equipment or handling the ball, where possible. When the ball goes out of play, it should not be retrieved by non-participants. Participants should retrieve the ball using the feet rather than the hands where possible. Goalkeeper gloves must not be shared and goalkeepers should ensure they disinfect their gloves regularly in breaks in training or matches and thoroughly afterwards. Bibs should not be shared and only used if they can be washed between sessions. Balls to be disinfected in breaks of play. Goal posts and corner flags to be disinfected before, during and after training sessions / matches.	Minimised risk of contamination.
	Players sneezing or coughing	Players warned to cover mouth with tissue or sleeve - not hands! Tissues to be placed in bin and hands to be sanitised immediately before resuming training or match play.	Minimised risk of contamination / spreading.
	Players spitting or shouting	Players warned not to spit and should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other.	Minimised risk of contamination / spreading.
	Parents/Players do not have clean hands before leaving following training /matches	Parents / Players asked to wash hands following training /matches. Each player should have their own small bottle of hand sanitiser to use following training / matches, if not then the club will provide.	Hands will be clean after training sessions / matches thereby minimising risk of contamination.
	Participant becomes infected following training session or match	Anyone who becomes infected after training / matches should report this to the NHS test and trace system. Record of all Lawford FC participants to be retained a minimum of 21 days. In addition for home matches contact details for opposition players & coaches and match officials should be retained for a minimum of 21 days.	Minimised risk of contamination / spreading.
	Spectators ignoring requirement to maintain social distancing	Spectators should remain socially distanced whilst attending events. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and spread out, in line with Government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes.	Minimised risk of contamination / spreading.
Injury/First Aid	Coaches and club officers have insufficient awareness of FA COVID-19 first aid guidelines.	FA Guidance of COVID-19 First Aid shared with all coaches and club officers.	Minimised risk of contamination / spreading.
	Injury to player means those assisting are unable maintain social distancing - MAJOR	Adult (if not in same household) will put on PPE (mask & gloves as a minimum) before assisting. CPR masks are carried as standard part of first aid kit. PPE immediately disposed of thereafter.	Minimised risk of contamination / spreading.
	Injury to player means those assisting are unable maintain social distancing - MINOR	Member of player's household to assist player, if required.	Minimised risk of contamination / spreading.

N.B. The above risks are mainly in relation to COVID-19. It is assumed that risks existing pre COVID-19 still apply if not specifically mentioned above.