

Lawford Football Club

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MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES: Resumption of Competitive Training and Matches

The FA has issued guidance for the resumption of competitive training and matches for grassroots football. Please ensure that you understand the FA guidance, a copy of which can be found at -

<http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/detailed-covid-19-guidance-on-re-starting-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx>

You should also ensure that you understand the FA guidance on Covid-19 First Aid -

<http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/clubs-and-coaches---covid-19-first-aid-guidance-for-returning-to-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx>

Only players who have provided written confirmation that they will adhere to the guidance will be permitted to participate in competitive training and matches. For players aged under 18, written consent will be required from a parent or carer. No form, no participation, no exceptions.

Managers are not expected to undertake all of the requirements set out below themselves, as some can be delegated to others. However, they are responsible for ensuring that all of the requirements below are carried out.

Those requirements that only apply to home games are denoted by (H) while all others are applicable for both home and away fixtures. Managers must use this document as a checklist, particularly for matches.

The key responsibilities of each team Manager are -

TRAINING

- Participation in training is limited to no more than 30 (including coaches). Different teams with up to 30 participants each can train at the same time provided groups are adequately spread out.
- Ensure you have an adequate supply of hand sanitiser, gloves, facemasks, disposable aprons and disinfectant spray or wipes.
- Before, during and after training ensure that all equipment (including goalposts, corner flags & footballs) is regularly cleaned with disinfectant. Bibs should be collected, bagged & secured for 48 hours before washing on a high temperature.
- Ensure all participants regularly use hand sanitiser and ensure that social distancing guidelines are adhered to including during arrival and departure times.
- Coaches of younger teams should discourage persistent close proximity of players.
- Maintain a record of participants (players & coaches) at each training session.

BEFORE MATCHES

- Send Lawford FC Covid-19 Visiting Team Protocols to opposition manager (H).
- Request full list of participants (players, coaches, physio, first aiders) with contact details from opposition manager (H).
- Request BACS details from referee and forward to Jim Tait (jim_tait@rocketmail.com), cc. Dave Atton (attondb@aol.com) and John Duchars (john.duchars@btinternet.com) for payment, including details of fixture (H).
- Ensure you have an adequate supply of hand sanitiser, gloves, facemasks, disposable aprons and disinfectant spray or wipes.

PRE-MATCH

- Ensure that all equipment (incl. goalposts, corner flags & footballs) is cleaned with disinfectant (H).
- Ensure that hand sanitiser is available before, during and after the game.
- Ensure that all players (home & away teams) and officials receive a safety briefing before kick-off (H).

DURING THE GAME

- When the ball goes out of play, it should not be retrieved by non-participants and should be retrieved using feet rather than hands where possible.
- Match balls should be disinfected during breaks in play (H).
- Ensure that all equipment (including goalposts, corner flags & footballs) is cleaned with disinfectant at half-time (H).
- Managers, coaches and substitutes must adhere to social distancing guidelines and avoid sharing a dug out or bench if social distancing cannot be observed.
- Coaches of younger teams should discourage persistent close proximity of players.
- If an individual gets injured, a member of their household can assist, if present. Others will still need to socially distance unless a life or limb-threatening injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care.

POST MATCH

- Ensure that all equipment (incl. goalposts, corner flags & footballs) is cleaned with disinfectant (H). Bibs should be collected, bagged & secured for 48 hours before washing on a high temperature.
- Maintain a record of all Lawford FC participants (players, coaches) at each game.
- Anyone who becomes infected after training or matches should report this to the NHS test and trace system.