


<p><b>Riverside Football Club</b></p> 	<p><b>Location(s) of Activity:</b> General</p>	<p><b>Risk Assessment Ref: Master R RJFC-MRA-Covid-19 v 5.0</b></p>
<p><b>Activity Title:</b></p> <p>Assessment to evaluate and minimise the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19 to general public and club members reflecting the government's move to Plan B of its <a href="#">COVID Autumn/Winter Plan</a>, in response to the Omicron variant.</p>		
<p><b>Activity Outline:</b></p> <p>This is the master risk assessment which underpins all general football activity for Riverside and Riverside Junior FC directed by the latest FA and government guidance. All other activities are supported by task based assessments which are used to formulate guidance to be followed during these activities.</p> <p>The club have appointed a COVID-19 officer (Martin Dellar) to help coordinate all activity associated with football activity and Covid-19.</p>		
<p><b>Those at risk / affected parties:</b></p> <p>Riverside members, match officials, spectators and general public.</p>		
<p><b>COVID-19 Coordinator</b> Name: <a href="#">Martin Dellar</a></p>	<p>Signature: MPD</p>	<p>Date: 17/12/2021</p>
<p><b>Risk Assessor</b> Name: <a href="#">Martin Dellar</a></p>	<p>Signature: MPD</p>	<p>Date: 17/12/2021</p>
<p><b>Club Secretary</b> Name: Gary Pilgrim</p>	<p>Signature: GP</p>	<p>Date: 17/12/2021</p>

<b>Review Period:</b>  17/12/2021- Continuing	<b>Related procedure references or links:</b>  <a href="https://www.derbyshirefa.com/news/2020/mar/13/statement-covid-19-coronavirus">https://www.derbyshirefa.com/news/2020/mar/13/statement-covid-19-coronavirus</a>  <a href="https://www.thefa.com/news/2021/dec/17/covid-19-update-grassroots-football-20211712">https://www.thefa.com/news/2021/dec/17/covid-19-update-grassroots-football-20211712</a>
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Activity	List the hazards and the harm associated with them	Risk Evaluation without controls in place High/Med/Low	Standard Control Measures to consider	Risk Evaluation with controls in place High/Med/Low
<b>Before travelling to training or match day football activity.</b>	Transmission of COVID -19	High	All participants (parents, coaches, player and managers) in football activity should self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms at home before every training session or match.  <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high temperature (above 37.8°C);</li> <li>• A new, continuous cough;</li> <li>• A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.</li> </ul>	Low

			If anyone is symptomatic or has tested positive for the Covid-19 infection they must not participate or attend. Follow Government guidance to support the test and trace policy. Anyone who has already been instructed to self-isolate by a health care practitioner or Public Health England should continue to follow this advice and may not participate.	
<b>Traveling to and from football activity.</b>	Transmission of COVID -19	Low	There are currently no restrictions on travel to and from football activity.	Low
<b>Covid-19 symptomatic during football activity</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	High	The participant should immediately remove themselves from the session and return home as soon as possible. NHS guidance on further management of symptoms should be followed	Low
<b>Use and provision of welfare facilities</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	Changing rooms are now fully open, please remember to wash hands thoroughly and use sanitiser where provided. Some facilities can still request the use of face coverings when indoors but this is not mandatory but highly recommended.	Low

<b>Attending a football based club activity. (Spectator)</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	There is no restriction on the number of spectators attending football activity at grassroots level but a sensible approach to social distancing is recommended in crowded areas.	Low
<b>Attending a football based club activity. (Participant)</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	Football activity is now fully competitive but a sensible approach to social distancing is recommended. Regular sanitisation breaks can applied, with no sharing of water/ drinking bottles and equipment recommended.	Low
<b>Use of grassroots football outdoor hospitality facilities</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	Outdoor and indoor hospitality is permitted. Where sanitiser is provided and the use of face coverings requested please follows this guidance although not mandatory.	Low
<b>Covid-vulnerable people attending football</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	Parents, guardians and participants in football activity who are deemed vulnerable in respect of Covid-19 are reminded only to return when it is right for them to do so. Please follow government guidelines.	Low

<b>Indoor football activities</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	There are no restrictions to indoor football activity but good hygiene practices and sensible social distancing in crowded areas is recommended but not mandatory.	Low
<b>Use of football equipment.</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	Football equipment should where possible be limited to single use to remove the possibility of transmission. Where this is not possible ie ball, cleaning regimes can be adopted, but not mandatory.	Low
<b>Dealing with first aid and emergency situation</b>	Transmission of Covid-19	Med	Covid-19 is spread through droplets from the respiratory tract. This is more likely to happen when in close proximity with an infected person, so the use of personal protective equipment, such as face coverings and gloves are recommended whilst in close contact, although not mandatory.	Low

## Justification for selection of controls

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## Guidance on completing the form

- **Responsible Person**  
The manager who is responsible for the activity should approve the risk assessment, this indicates they agree the risk assessment is sufficiently detailed, they agree the control measures are appropriate and will be implemented.
- **Those at risk / affected parties**  
Identify individuals or groups of people who might be affected by the hazard.
- **What are the hazards?**  
The definition of a hazard is the potential for something to cause harm, e.g. chemicals, radiation, lasers, fire. In the hazards column, list the hazards which could reasonably be expected to result in significant harm.
- **List the harm associated with the hazard**  
For each hazard, there may be one or more types of harm that could occur.
- **Risk Evaluation – High (H), Medium (M) or Low (L)**  
Decide whether the hazard presents a high, medium, or low risk, based upon your knowledge of the severity of harm, frequency of activity and number and nature of the people involved. This is subjective which is why you must have good knowledge of the activity in order to undertake the risk assessment. Hazards that remain high risk once evaluated after control measures are put in place, must not proceed without further consideration.
- **What control measures are, or will be put, in place**  
List what is or will be put in place to reduce the likelihood of harm or make any harm less serious. These precautions should meet legal standards, represent good practice, and reduce risk *as far as is reasonably practicable*. They should also take into account the hierarchy of control and favour elimination, substitution, engineering methods over administrative controls.

- **Review period**

Risk assessments are revised every two years to ensure validity. For activities undergoing change, consider a shorter timeframe for review. For lower risk activities, you may consider a longer timeframe.

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In brief, the hierarchy of control in terms of robustness is: (1) Elimination (2) Substitution (3) Engineering Control (4) Administrative Control (5) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If not implementing a higher level of control, justify the reasons why a low level is appropriate in the situation.

- **Areas for additional consideration in your risk assessment or associated procedures**

Consider training and supervision, manual handling, waste disposal, first aid, emergency situations such as spillage, access to medical assistance. It may be more appropriate for these to be covered as part of a safe working procedure or standard operating procedure.