



RISK ASSESSMENT – Football Training / Friendly Matches

Neston Nomads – PARKS FIELD FACILITY

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**Venue: PARKS FIELD,
STATION ROAD**

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Next Review: ONGOING

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1. Task Description and Scope:

Out of season FOOTBALL TRAINING / FRIENDLY MATCHES in-line with The FA for football restart, The FA Football Activity Guidance and latest Government Coronavirus advice. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation>

Scope:

- Outdoor Grass Pitch based activity at PARKFIELD – TRAINING & MATCHES
- Maximum group size of 30 players including coaches/manager.
- For under 18 members and in line with club and FA safe-guarding policy. This includes the requirement of parents or a dedicated adult to remain at the club.
- All coaches to familiarize themselves with FA guidelines for coaches, parents and players – see link <http://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jul/17/grassroots-guidance-for-competitive-football-restart-in-england-170720>
- Track and trace implementation

2. Playing / Training Area:

Check that the area and surroundings are safe and free from obstacles. Is the area fit and appropriate for activity. Pitches 1 x 9 a-side, 1 x 7 a-side, 1 x 5 a-side

TOP 9 A-SIDE PITCH – USERS TO PARK ON WOOD LANE OR EARLE DRIVE THEN ACCESS / DEPART THROUGH WOOD LANE ENTRANCE (SEE ATTACHED)

7 A-SIDE AND 5 A-SIDE PITCH USERS TO PARK IN BOTTOM CAR PARK OR WIRRAL WAY CAR PARK. ENTRANCE TO PITCHES THROUGH BOTTOM CAR PARK ONTO FIELD AND KEEP TO RIGHT HAND SIDE OF FIELD. EXIT INTO BOTTOM CAR PARK KEEPING TO RIGHT OF FIELD WHEN LEAVING. (SEE ATTACHED)

Control Measures: TRAINING

- 1 training group per pitch at pre-booked time
- Allow 15 mins between sessions to ensure social distancing can be maintained
- Training area to be clearly set out by coach and location communicated before training.
- Before each session coach to check the area for potential hazards.
- Ensure players and parents access from designated car park or entrance.
- Ensure players and parents leave in an orderly and supervised manner into or through car park or designated exit
- First aiders should read, understand and act strictly in accordance government guidance
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders/interim-guidance-for-first-responders-and-others-in-close-contact-with-symptomatic-people-with-potential-2019-ncov>
 - <https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/first-aid-certificate-coronavirus.htm#non-healthcare>
- Coaching should only be undertaken by coaches with a valid DBS

Control Measures: FRIENDLY MATCHES

- 1 x Home / 1 x Away group only per pitch
- All guidance communicated in advance of match as per club's instructions to visiting team to ensure safe arrival and departure of visiting teams.
- Match must be sanctioned via CFA and NN and only affiliated clubs for 20-21 season to play
- Playing pitch area to be clearly set out by coach and location communicated in advance to all parties.
- All players to arrive in full kit as per FA guideline – not kit is to be shared amongst players.
- Before each match coach to check the area for potential hazards and minimize risks.
- Warm up – cool down shall adhere to social distancing (2 metres)
- Team talks / drinks breaks shall adhere to social distancing
- Substitutes, coaches and assistants should adhere to social distancing.
- Teams to be allocated designated area for equipment and players.
- No handshakes before / after match.
- Allow a minimum of 15 minutes between matches
- All managers to acknowledge they have read, they understood and will follow all the up to date FA Guidance

3. Equipment:

Check that it is safe and suitable for age group/ability.

Control Measures:

- All equipment to be disinfected before and after training.
- Equipment sharing to be kept to a minimum.
- Hands to be sanitised before and after touching equipment, including footballs.
- No equipment sharing between different training groups.
- No equipment brought in by children.
- All managers to have PPE – gloves, face covering, face visor

4. Participants:

Ensure that participants are appropriately attired and suitable for the activity. Everyone to follow Government Coronavirus guidelines and FA guidance.

Control Measures TRAINING AND MATCHES

- Minimum of 1m, prefer 2m distance between participants maintained where possible.
- Maximum group size of 30 inc players / coaches
- Players must not cross into other group TRAINING or MATCH areas.
- No spitting or clearing mouth.
- Bring and only use your own water bottle.
- Bring waterproof and suitable clothing as no access to shelter.
- Coach to keep register of players and coaches at each session/match
- Ensure officials are aware of latest FA guidance for referees.
- Spectators must not congregate in groups of more than 6 people, and social distancing must be maintained

5. Additional Risk Identified:

Coronavirus

Control Measures:

- Do not attend if you feel unwell in any way or have a temperature.
- If a player comes down with symptoms during or after training, report to coach who will contact the other players in same training group who must follow government guidance.
- Hand sanitisation to be used on arrival and departure. In matches hand sanitize at drinks breaks. Players to bring their own drinks bottles.
- Risk assessment to be shared and signed by a parent of all players that engage in activity
- Anyone not following the club's policy and/or risk assessment will be asked to leave training.

Risk assessment carried out by

Signed:

Date: