



WORTHING MINORS

COVID-19 Risk Assessment

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As mandated by the FA, the club carried out a risk assessment specifically related to the return to grassroots football during the Covid-19 pandemic. The club appointed a Covid Officer to oversee this process.

- 1. Risk:** Lack of understanding of the specific and most current FA guidelines designed to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 by players, parents/carers, officials, coaches/volunteers and spectators.

Actions:

- The club's Covid Officer has also produced a [Covid-19 Training and Matchday Information](#) document containing the key points that need to be understood by parents/carers and players
- As per FA guidelines, specific consent will be obtained from parents/carers to confirm that they have read and understood both club's and the FA guidelines (and accept any remaining risks) in order for their child to be allowed to play
- Through regular communication, all players, parents/carers, officials, coaches/volunteers and spectators affiliated to Worthing Minors YFC will be directed to read the Club's own Covid-19 Training and Matchday Information document and to [read the FA's full guidelines](#)
- These guidelines are being kept current by the FA and are therefore the most appropriate source of current and accurate information
- All other officials, coaches/volunteers affiliated to the club will be directed to read and confirm they have understood the FA guidelines
- The club's Covid Officer will ensure that any changes to FA guidelines are communicated as soon as is practically possible

- 2. Risk:** Lack of compliance with FA guidelines in the provision of training and matches by Worthing Minors YFC coaches/volunteers

Actions:

- The club's Covid Officer will brief all coaches/volunteers of their responsibility and will regularly monitor compliance with FA guidelines (including minimising hand contact with the ball, minimising shared equipment, regularly cleaning equipment that is often shared in the course of a match/training session)
- The club's Covid Officer will ensure that any changes to FA guidelines are communicated as soon as is practically possible
- The club's Covid Officer will regularly monitor training and matches, gathering feedback (and assisting the club (and its coaches/volunteers) to continually improve their own and our collective approach
- Before each training session or match, team coaches will remind players, parents/carers and spectators of their responsibility, including any specific information related to any of the venues (home or away) that are used for training and matches

- 3. Risk:** Lack of compliance over time with FA guidelines from parents/carers and players (all of which are children and young adults)

Actions:

- Informed consent process has been developed to ensure Parents/Carers read and understand the Club's and the FA Guidelines
- Before each training session or match, team coaches will remind players, parents/carers and spectators of their responsibility, including any specific information related to any of the venues (home or away) that are used for training and matches
- The club's Covid Officer will ensure that any changes to FA guidelines are communicated as soon as is practically possible

4. Risk: Risk of transmission of Covid-19 through at any of the venues used by the club.

Actions:

- A review was carried out of all venues and specific instructions developed to mitigate any specific risks.
- All pavilions on council sites will be closed at all times during usage by the club either for training or matches
- No indoor facilities are open at any of the school sites used by the club (Thomas a Becket and St. Andrews)
- Adur & Worthing Councils were contacted to ascertain specific guidance for council run facilities. Advice was received was to ensure the club followed FA and Government guidelines
- The club's Covid Officer will continue to monitor guidelines for all facilities and will update this risk assessment and communicate any changes to players, parents/carers, officials, coaches/volunteers and spectators affiliated to Worthing Minors YFC
- A copy of the most current version of this risk assessment will be shared with opposition managers in the week before matches are played

Training

Venue	Type	Risks identified	Actions
Manor Ground	Council	Equipment storage facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usage will be limited to one person at a time as much as possible • If two people are in the facility at any time, efforts will be made to stay socially distant and face coverings worn
		Public toilet	None. When required, all specific instruction is developed and displayed by Adur & Worthing Councils at the facility
Hill Barn Recreation	Council	None	None
Northbrook Recreation	Council	None	None
St. Andrews School	School	TBA	The club is in the process of booking times for winter months. This risk assessment will be updated with any specific information received from St. Andrews School

Matches

Venue	Type	Risks identified	Action
Victoria Park	Council	Public toilet	None. When required, all specific instruction is developed and displayed by Adur & Worthing Councils at the facility
Highdown Field	Council	Public toilet	None. When required, all specific instruction is developed and displayed by Adur & Worthing Councils at the facility
Thomas a Becket Junior School (TAB)	School	None	The club has contacted TAB. No Covid specific information has been received