



Douglas Eyre Sports Centre

Site Protocols and responsibilities for weekday evening football training on the artificial pitch during STEP 1 of the Government's COVID-19 roadmap from 29th March 2021

Introduction

Following the announcement by the UK Government of a staged reduction of COVID-19 restrictions, with STEP 1 effective from 29th March 2021, and the publication of revised guidelines by The FA dated 24th March 2021, London Playing Fields Foundation has prepared these checklists to identify which of the FA Guidelines LPFF will implement and which will be the responsibility of the football clubs/teams at Douglas Eyre Sports Centre.

This document should be read in conjunction with the full STEP 1 UK Government and FA Guidance.

To help to keep all those involved in playing football and staff safe, the use of indoor facilities at Douglas Eyre Sports Centre will be kept to an absolute minimum.

In preparation for the return of weekday evening football training/matches on the artificial pitch at DESC, LPFF has undertaken an assessment of risks to establish whether football training can safely return within the full STEP 1 UK Government and FA Guidance.

LPFF Site protocols

- Normal car park facilities will be available
- Spectators are not permitted
- Access to changing rooms will not be provided, nor access to indoor shelter
- Use of indoor facilities will be restricted to toilet use only
- Access to toilet facilities to be via the rear door adjacent to the artificial pitch
- LPFF to ensure staff are COVID-19 aware and have received appropriate training
- LPFF will provide supervision of use of toilet facilities
- Toilet(s) in use will be cleaned regularly and high touchpoint areas will be cleaned during sessions
- Hand sanitiser will be available at entry to/exit from building
- Bar and catering facilities will not be available
- Weekday evening session timings have been adjusted to give a 10 minute buffer between sessions to allow one group to exit and the next group to enter and to help to maintain social distancing between different groups
 - Session 1: 17.10 to 18.40
 - Session 2: 18.50 to 20.20
 - Session 3: 20.30 to 22.00

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CLUB/TEAM Responsibilities Checklist

Club/team must appoint a COVID Officer and undertake a risk assessment for their activities in line with the FA COVID-19 Safeguarding Risk Assessment template, to ensure observance of FA guidelines for play, including:

- Not to allow spectators. No spectators are allowed at grassroots sport as part of STEP 1 of the Government's roadmap. This means that, at this stage, no spectators are allowed at grassroots football
- Where the club assesses it to be safe, permit one parent/carer per youth player to be present, for safeguarding purposes, and ensure they observe the relevant Government COVID-19 Guidance, particularly regarding social distancing
- Ensure all participants (players, coaches and officials), and parents/carers if any, are aware of and agree to abide by Government and FA Guidance and the FA Code of Behaviour
- Make all participants, and parents/carers if any, aware of the risk of taking part
- Require all participants and parents/carers to not attend the ground if they are required by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate or if they are required by Government Guidance to self-isolate because they or someone in their household has had symptoms of COVID-19 within the prescribed timeframe
- Require any participant or parent/carer to leave the ground if they display any symptom of COVID-19 and to then follow Government and FA Guidance
- Compile a contact list of all participants and retain for 21 days in case of need for NHS Test and Trace
- Provide "lead member" contact information to LPFF supervision staff and lead member to confirm that the club/team has contact details for all participants
- Arrange for participants and parents/carers to arrive on site the minimum practical time before start of session, this should be no more than 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the session
- Arrange for participants to arrive changed and ready to play
- Ensure no participants, or parents/carers if any, enter the artificial pitch enclosure before the scheduled start time of the session
- Ensure participants, and parents/carers if any, observe social distancing rules at all times as per UK Government and FA Guidance
- Ensure that any parents/carers that do attend remain within the designated spectator area and observe appropriate social distancing at all times
- Advise participants that they need to bring their own hand sanitiser
- Advise participants that they need to bring their own water and food
- Discourage participants from sharing equipment, or have the means to sanitise shared equipment
- Ensure movement of goals is kept to a minimum and that goals are returned to their correct positions at the end of the session
- Ensure regular hand sanitising takes place, including before, during and after the session
- Ensure all rubbish is deposited in the waste bins within the pitch area and on site

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CLUB/TEAM Responsibilities Checklist (continued)

- Ensure participants and parents/carers leave the artificial pitch enclosure no later than the official end time of the session
- Ensure participants and parents/carers leave site the minimum practical time after the finish of the session, this should be no more than 15 minutes after the scheduled finish of the session

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