



Fairlop Oak Playing Field

Site Protocols and Responsibilities for football matches on grass pitches 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 Fairlop Oak Playing Field.

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, indoor facilities for users of Fairlop Oak Playing Field will be provided at LMPF Redbridge and will be kept to an absolute minimum.

In preparation for the return of winter football matches on the grass pitches at Fairlop Oak Playing Field, LPFF has undertaken an assessment of risks to establish whether football matches can safely return within the 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 main entrance door of the pavilion at LMPF Redbridge
- 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
- Corner flags, ropes and barriers will not be provided
- Bar and catering facilities will not be available

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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 (all players, coaches and officials) aware of the risk of taking part
- Require all participants, and parents/carers if any, 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 any symptom 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 use by 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
- Advise participants that changing and shower facilities will not be available before, during or after the match, and that changing outside is not acceptable
- Advise participants that toilet facilities will be limited
- Arrange for participants to arrive changed and ready to play
- Arrange for participants, and parents/carers if any, to arrive on site the minimum practical time before start of the match, this should be no more than 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time
- Ensure participants, and parents/carers if any, observe social distancing rules at all times as per Government and FA Guidelines
- 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 regular hand sanitising takes place, including before, during and after the match
- Ensure all rubbish is collected and deposited in the waste bins
- Ensure participants, and parents/carers if any, leave site after the minimum practical time, this should be no more than 30 minutes after the final whistle

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