



STURMINSTER MARSHALL FOOTBALL CLUB – RISK ASSESSMENT			
Hazard	Control Measures in place	Risk	Further control measures
Child protection	DBS checked coaches. Coaching takes place in view of parents. Photography permitted but only with consent.		
Goalposts (portable) Danger of collapsing in play Putting up and taking down of goals Moving goals	Goalposts when set out on pitch should be checked by the coach before each session. Portable goals must be anchored to ground or weighted, when in use, in accordance with FA and British Standards Institute advice. Larger metal goal posts in the higher age groups to be moved/erected by at least two people, preferably adults and if by juniors min. 14+ years and of suitable size, strength and maturity. Good communication/coordination is vital when setting and taking down goals particularly when folding/unfolding support legs when the goals are unstable as this is the key moment where toppling can occur.	Medium High	FA guidelines followed and only FA recommended goals used

<p>Injuries from metal hooks used to secure goal nets (fixed goals)</p>	<p>Care must be taken when carrying goals to avoid manual handling injury to operatives and impact injury to others still on the field. Give clear signals to stand clear especially with excitable children at play.</p> <p>On returning goals to containers ensure that they are lent against containers without risk of falling and secure with chains. Chains must be locked before leaving goals unattended</p> <p>Parents to assist only under direction of coaches.</p> <p>Metal cup hooks are only in place on the cross bar, and out of reach of any child; children below the age of 16 are not allowed to put up nets; adults are advised of the potential danger of the metal hooks ie catching rings on fingers.</p> <p>Players can help with the plastic net clips.</p>		
<p>Weather extremes</p>	<p>Pitch inspector to call the session off in extreme weather conditions. The interests and safety of the children are paramount, together with consideration for any young children and spectators.</p>	<p>Low/Medium</p>	
<p>General state of the pitch</p>	<p>Coach to check state of pitch pre-session and clear any dog foul and deal with any hazards such as foreign objects. Plastic bags available to collect dog mess.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	

<p>Balls</p> <p>Too hard</p>	<p>Balls pumped to the appropriate pressure. Coaches check this at the start, and throughout the game. Heading of the ball recommended to the U7 group upwards and in a safe controlled manner-close range, short duration practices. Balls are thrown away when the leather peels off.</p>	<p>Low</p>	
<p>Footwear</p> <p>Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) sharp studs</p>	<p>Children wear appropriate footwear and shin pads.</p>	<p>Low</p>	
<p>Jewellery</p>	<p>All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before a session. Parents/coaches checks this.</p>	<p>Low</p>	
<p>Conduct of players, officials, spectators</p> <p>Dangerous play/physical violence; Abusive language Threatening behaviour Inappropriate comment or action</p>	<p>Coaches decisions are final and players' parents should respect this or face removal if behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable. Groups arranged by age/ability to avoid clashes between players of unequal size/strength.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	
<p>Physical injuries from normal play</p>	<p>Players should warm up and cool down properly before and after matches and training sessions. There is access to an adequately stocked first aid kit, and a</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Basic insurance cover is provided</p>

	<p>qualified first aider on site during play</p> <p>Players with injuries or medical complaints should let these be known to their coach.</p> <p>Players must wear shin pads</p> <p>First aider available</p>		
Dehydration/Exhaustion	<p>Drinks are provided by individual players Regular drink stops</p> <p>Sun screen and caps recommended</p>	Medium	
Cold weather	<p>Appropriate clothing encouraged for players.</p>	Low	
Road crossing	<p>Coaches to not allow U12's or lower to leave the green without a parent. No U12's to cross the road without a coach or parent.</p> <p>Children not allowed in the road to collect the balls.</p>	High	
Garage/Container	<p>Players not to enter the garage or container.</p> <p>Coaches to collect the equipment.</p>	Medium/High	
Control Measures to limit the spread of Covid-19	<p><u>The session</u></p> <p>Only players signed on for the 20-21 season can train.</p> <p>Only SMFC Coaches/registered club officials can lead a group of 5. The Chairman will carry out spot checks the Risk Assessment is followed –</p>	Medium/High	FAS guidelines on COVID-19 to be followed

	<p>where it is not the practice with be halted or finished until the measures are in place.</p> <p>Sessions to be limited to 5 players and 1 coach</p> <p>Each addition group to have their own coach – so a squad of 20 requires 4 coaches – the groups cannot mix.</p> <p>Bibs to not be swapped – must be washed between sessions.</p> <p>Equipment must not be shared between players – although balls can be passed between players – limit the handling of balls to just the goal keepers.</p> <p>No contact or any small games to be played – technical and skill practices only.</p> <p>Coaches to limit use of the garage – ensure equipment used is taken home to limit sharing – all equipment to be cleaned after each session. Share equipment out so all team have enough.</p> <p>Check players for symptoms – ensure anyone displaying symptoms is sent home.</p> <p>Parents are required to be on hand and must treat any injuries of their own children.</p>		
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	<p>Coaches not to bring water bottles.</p> <p><u>The players</u></p> <p>Players must bring their own water bottles – clearly labelled. There will be no communal bottles.</p> <p>Players must not touch each other, shake hands or high 5.</p> <p>No contact with each other.</p> <p>No spitting – ensure coughing and sneezing is into the fold of the arm.</p> <p>Social distancing to be used at all times.</p> <p>Players must arrive fully changed and wash hands as soon as they can after the sessions ends.</p> <p><u>The Parents</u></p> <p>Parents must attend all sessions to be on hand to treat injuries of their children.</p> <p>Parents must practice social distancing when watching a session.</p> <p>Parents to leave with children as soon as the session finishes.</p> <p>Parents must not send any children who have symptoms of Covid-19.</p> <p>Parents must ensure players come ready changed and</p>		
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Coaches must sign to show they have read and will follow the guidance:

An email returned to the Chairman will also count as the Risk Assessment being read and carried out.

Training cannot begin unless the coach has agreed to follow the Risk Assessment.