

HITCHIN BELLES FC

COVID 19 RISK ASSESSMENT – December 17, 2021

Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Considerations	Primary Action	Regularity	Date completed
Club	<p><u>Identification of Covid Officer</u></p> <p>Andy Southam, Tel: 07766 334877</p>	Covid Officer details to be distributed as required	Club	Immediate	January 4, 2021
Coaches Players Parents Guardians	<p><u>FA Guidance</u></p> <p>Latest FA Guidance published on December 17, 2021</p> <p>https://www.thefa.com/news/2021/dec/17/covid-19-update-grassroots-football-20211712</p> <p>No material impact of Plan B on the previous guidance published on July 16, 2021</p> <p>July 16, 2021:</p> <p>https://www.thefa.com/about-football-association/covid-19</p> <p>Includes: (i) Football Activity Master Guide for re-starting grassroots outdoor football; (ii) Covid-19 safeguarding risk assessment guidance and template; (iii) 11 point summary.</p>	Bi-monthly (or such other time as is required) review of FA Guidance or other supplemental guidance to ensure the Club are aware of, and comply with, latest guidance issued by the FA.	Covid Officer	Bi-monthly review	July 19, 2021

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Players Coaches Parents Guardians	<p><u>FA Guidance Updates</u></p> <p>11 point guidance replaces all previous Covid guidance attached as Annex A.</p> <p><u>New FA Guidance:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On field adoptions for playing football are no longer required. 2. No limits of how many people can meet. 3. One metre plus rule removed. 4. The definition of close contact remains the same, however the rules on self-isolation will be changing from 16 August. 5. Face coverings no longer required by law, but recommended in crowded indoor settings and may be mandated by some clubs or facility providers. 6. Changing rooms can be used, however participants should use their own judgement and minimise use where possible to avoid close contact in a crowded area for a prolonged time. 7. No capacity limits for spectators but good practice is encouraged. 8. Hospitality is permitted without restrictions. 9. NHS Test and Trace QR codes not required by law but encouraged. 10. Free NHS lateral flow testing is available to clubs and we encourage clubs to take this up. 11. No domestic travel restrictions. Participants should continue to follow Government advice on international travel for any fixtures/ tournaments. 		Covid Officer	Last updated July 16, 2021	July 16, 2021

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Coaches Players Parents Guardians	<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u></p> <p>Players and Coaches need to be self aware regarding symptoms of Covid-19.</p> <p>If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance.</p> <p>Those that live within a household with a person that is or, are themselves shielding are advised not to attend training</p> <p>Coaches to remind Parents/ Guardians on the Team Communications Channel (e.g WhatsApp). Add a standard message to the Communications channel (such as Spond) when setting fixtures, training dates, etc.</p> <p><u>If any person who has attended any club activities shows symptoms within 7 days of attendance they shall notify the team manager / coach who will escalate to HBFC Covid-19 officer.</u></p>	<p>All players, officials, volunteers and spectators must undergo a self-assessment for any Covid-19- symptoms. No-one should leave home to participate in football if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following: • A high temperature (above 37.8°C); • A new, continuous cough; • A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste. This check should be done before each training session and must be recorded in the club attendance register and it is important to note that no training session should take place without this having been done. A record of attendance for all persons at club activities will be held for a period of 21 days.</p>	Coaches to outline parents/guardians	to to / updates to parents / guardians	July 16, 2021
Coaches	<p><u>Covid-19 Reporting</u></p> <p>Covid-19 Incidents within the Club are all to be reported to Covid Officer.</p>	Enter generic details (no personal data or team identification). Create side detail for Committee use	Covid Officer	Regular reminders to Coaches to report all Covid-19 incidents to Covid Officer	March 24, 2021
Coaches	<u>Administering First Aid</u>		Covid Officer	ASAP	

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	<p>Gloves, masks, goggles and apron are required for the administering of first aid (and must be used if the situation permits). Single use pair for each coach to be kept within first aid kit. Club provide a package for all coaches.</p> <p>Coaches to review the FA guidance on First Aid found at:</p> <p>https://www.thefa.com/news/2021/mar/24/fa-guidance-for-return-to-grassroots-football-20210324</p> <p>Club First Aid/Responder plan to be updated with Covid guidance</p>	Covid Officer to inform coaches where to collect (Lock-up) prior to first session			March 24, 2021
Coaches Players Parents Guardians /	<p><u>NHS Test and Trace / QR Code / Attendance Register</u></p> <p>The Club has determined that it will not place the NHS Test and Trace or QR Code at entrances.</p>	None	Committee	July 19, 2021	July 19, 2021
Hitchin Belles FC	<p><u>Compliance and Monitoring</u></p> <p>Circulate the Covid Officer details to all coaches and add reporting details for all breaches of Covid protocols. Coaches to confirm to parents on Team Channels that reports of Covid breaches to be reported to Covid Officer.</p> <p>Reporting details to be added to all QR codes at venues.</p>	None	Covid Officer	Immediate	March 24, 2021
Hitchin Belles FC	<u>Publish Risk Assessment</u>	None	Publicity Officer	Immediate	July 19, 2021

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	Publish this risk assessment on the Hitchinbelles.com website. Parents / Guardians consent to include reference to the Risk Assessment.		Coaches		

DOCUMENT UPDATED

Name	Description	Date	Comments
Simon White	Initial Risk Assessment	December 2, 2020	Football permitted subject to compliance with FA Protocols
Andy Southam	Risk Assessment following appointment as Covid Officer	January 4, 2021	Non-elite football suspended by the FA
Andy Southam	Updated Risk Assessment following FA Guidance, published March 24, 2021	March 24, 2021	Football can resume subject to guidance. Expected further updates no earlier than April 12, 2021
Andy Southam	Updated Risk Assessment following FA Guidance, published April 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	Allowances for spectators, hospitality outdoors and other matters from April 12, 2021.
Andy Southam	Updated Risk Assessment following FA Guidance, published May 11, 2021	May 13, 2021	Increase in spectator limits, permitted indoor football for adults and children from May 17, 2021
Andy Southam	Updated Risk Assessment following FA Guidance, published July 16, 2021	July 16, 2021	11 point plan replacing existing Covid guidance and restrictions.
Andy Southam	Updated Risk Assessment following FA Guidance, published Dec 17, 2021	December 17, 2021	No material changes to previous guidance

Covid Officer Signature



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Name: Andy Southam

Date: December 17, 2021

ANNEX A

COVID-19 STEP FOUR GUIDANCE FOR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

Here are the key points:



This guidance applies to all youth and adult football and futsal, including all formats of the game, indoors and outdoors.