



Gt Harwood Rovers Football Club



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

Covid 19 Risk Assessment for Home & Away Participation

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Club Details

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Risk Assessment Details

Coronavirus Risk Assessment for both Home and Away participation for Gt Harwood Rovers (Training/Games),

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Overview

This risk assessment applies to all activities at our home venue (The Moorland Arena) and participating in games/training at other venues. However, it is essential that all coaches/managers ask to view the venue's own specific risk assessment as protocols and guidance may differ.

Alongside risk assessments the FA and Government guidance's on Covid-19 must be adhered to at all times.

The risks identified and control measures in place are designed with safety in mind for all who participate in and attend all club activities (matches and training) and should all be adhered at all times.

It is the lead coaches' responsibility to check the area and identify any additional risks and act accordingly to ensure the safety of all. Any identified additional risks must be reported to the relevant club official to ensure this document is kept up to date. Please make sure all relevant information contained in this document and is passed on to relevant parties prior to the activity/game commencing. It is also essential our own coaches, parents, and players follow the risk assessments at other venues.

Mark Pickup
Covid 19 Officer

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Area of Risk/Hazard	Risk Rating	Control Measures	Review Post-Activity
Transmission of Covid-19 (prior to the activity commencing)	Medium	All FA guidelines and rules have been sent out prior to football activities restarting, these must be followed and adhered to at all times by coaches, players and parents. Risk assessments must be obtained and made available to opposition managers and match officials prior to the activity commencing.	The relevant manager/coach or the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary.
	Medium	To aid with the NHS track and trace system all coaches from both home and away teams are required to maintain an attendance register including coaches, players and spectators. The information obtained will be made available if needed by the NHS track and trace team and Gt Harwood Rovers Football Club in accordance with the clubs GDPR policy. Please discuss this prior to the activity commencing with your opposition manager/club.	
	High	All players are required to bring their own individual hand sanitiser , drinks and face masks should it be required or necessary to wear when arriving or travelling to an activity in relation to government guidelines. Players are asked to sanitise their hands immediately on arrival to both home and oppositions venues.	
	High	Should a player becoming ill prior to the activity commencing the player's parent should notify the coach/manager in charge immediately Coaches are asked to discuss measures put in place by opponents when travelling to opposition's venue and pass on any relevant information to parents and players.	

Transmission of Covid-19 (warm up)	Medium-High	<p>Players to be asked to maintain social distancing where applicable during the 'warm up' part of any activity in relation to FA/Government guidelines. It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure social distancing and personal hygiene is maintained by participants. Participants are asked to limit the use of hands during the session or activity e.g. when retrieving a lost ball and all equipment must be collected in by the coach.</p> <p>Coaches are asked to discuss measures put in place by opponents when travelling to opposition's venue and pass on any relevant information to parents and players.</p>	The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary.
Transmission Of Covid-19 (match play)	<p>Medium-High</p> <p>Medium - High</p> <p>Medium – High</p> <p>Medium-High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Players and Coaches are asked to refrain from handshakes between opposition coaches' players and match officials.</p> <p>Players are asked to refrain from group celebrations when scoring a goal to limit the risk of transmission.</p> <p>Players are asked to limit the amount of time when preparing to take set pieces to minimise the amount of time players are in close contact with each other and the opposition for example when marking players on a corner and standing in walls before a free kick.</p> <p>Participants are asked to limit the use of hands during the session or activity e.g. when retrieving a lost ball and all equipment must be collected in by the coach.</p> <p>Players are asked not to spit and chew gum during the activity to eliminate one less transmission factor. Refusal to adhere to this policy will not be tolerated at Moorland Arena and shouldn't be tolerated when playing away at opposition's venue by our coaches/managers.</p> <p>Players and coaches are also asked to maintain personal hygiene, sanitise regular when appropriate and not share drinks at half time or during the game.</p> <p>Players and coaches are asked to maintain social distancing where applicable when speaking to match officials, players and coaches in relation to FA and government guidelines.</p>	The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary .

	High	<p>Parents are to be asked to maintain social distancing when spectating an activity or game in relation to FA and Government guidelines.</p> <p>Coaches are asked to discuss measures put in place by opponents when travelling to opposition's venue and pass on any relevant information to parents and players.</p>	
Transmission of Covid-19 (post activity or game)	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium-High</p>	<p>Players are asked to hand sanitise immediately following the game or activity finishing.</p> <p>Players, parents and coaches are asked to vacate the arena as quickly as possible once the activity has finished in a safely manner whilst ensuring all personal belongings, hand sanitizers and empty bottles are taken away by the individual.</p> <p>If any player or participant becomes unwell following activity information must be passed on to the relevant parties' immediately and government guidelines on self isolation and NHS track and trace must be followed.</p> <p>Coaches are asked to discuss measures put in place by opponents when travelling to opposition's venue and pass on any relevant information to parents and players.</p>	The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary.
Drop Off/Pick Up Arrangements, Parking, Social Distancing and spectator/participants safety.	High	<p>When playing at Moorland Arena participants are asked to use the club's onsite car park which is accessible by driving through the site. In the event that this is full then parking is available on the main road just outside the site's boundaries. However coaches must inform parents that there are double yellow lines in certain areas and that driver's need to be mindful and considerate of our neighbours when parking. Additionally coaches must make parents aware that it's an extremely busy road so caution must be observed when crossing the road to enter/vacate the site.</p> <p>Drivers are asked to obey traffic measures and speed restrictions at all times particularly whilst within site's boundaries ensuring 5mph is maintained at all times. Parking is not allowed on the side of the drive leading up to the pavilion and fencing has been put up along the full length of the driveway to protect participants and spectator's safety.</p>	The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary.

		<p>Players and spectators must remain in the car park prior to the activity or game starting ensuring social distancing is maintained in relation to government guidelines and must enter the field of play once collected by the relevant manager/coach. In the event of parents having to park elsewhere it is still expected that players/spectators to congregate in the club's car park as discussed above.</p> <p>Participants'/parents-guardians and spectators (when allowed) must vacate all venues as soon as possible following the activity or game finishing. This must be done in a safely manner and ensuring social distancing is maintained and that speed limits are adhered to..</p> <p>Coaches are asked to discuss measures put in place by opponents when travelling to opposition's venue and pass on any relevant information to parents and players.</p>	
Hazards On Pitches	Medium	The relevant pitch in use is to be checked prior to use and any hazards are to be removed. This may include broken glass, dog faeces, sticks, uneven ground etc. All hazards must be identified and removed prior to the activity or game commencing. It is good practice for our coaches to check opposition pitches on arrival and notify opposition managers/coaches if any hazards are found.	The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary.
Sports Equipment	High Medium-High	<p>All assembled goal posts must be checked and verified as safe by the home team manager prior to use.</p> <p>All sports equipment must be sprayed with sanitiser after every use and cleaned during use as per the latest FA / League guidelines. Coaches should limit the use of shared equipment and ensure if this has taken place any shared equipment is cleaned and sanitised immediately after use. Broken equipment must never be used.</p>	The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary .
Toilets and Changing facilities	High	<p>Due to the risk of transmission only accessible areas in the pavilion are the visitor toilets; please ensure signs are followed when entering the premises. The access doors, corridor, toilet doors and the toilets are cleansed every day when the pavilion has been used on the previous day</p> <p>All other areas including changing facilities and the coach education suite at Moorland Arena are to remain closed.</p>	The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary.

		<p>Coaches are required to notify parents, players, opposition teams and match day officials of this and that all participants must arrive changed in their kit ready for the activity. When travelling to opposition grounds this will remain the same and for our coaches and teams if required to do so by opposition clubs.</p> <p>Coaches are asked to discuss measures put in place by opponents when travelling to opposition's venue and pass on any relevant information to parents and players.</p>	
First Aid	High	<p>Due to the risk of transmission, during Covid-19 it is expected that any first aid incidents must be firstly dealt with by the specific player's parent if present on site. If this is not possible than it will be carried out by the team's first aider ensuring the correct PPE is being worn as per FA and government guidelines. The Club will provide gloves and masks to each team manager to provide appropriate protection to the coach and player.</p>	<p>The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary .</p>
Site Security and General Safety When Playing at Moorland Arena.	Medium	<p>Upon arrival the coach must ensure the sites gates are fully opened to maintain adequate access should an emergency vehicle need to gain access onto the site. The last coach/manager on site must ensure the pavilion and access gates are locked and secured.</p>	<p>The relevant manager/coach the Club Secretary and Covid-19 Officer to give feedback to the appropriate participants and club officials if a review of a risk or control measure is necessary .</p>
	High	<p>During Covid-19 coaches must ensure the pavilion door is remained fully open at all times to minimise the risk of transmission through opening and shutting the door with its handle.</p>	
	Low	<p>Should the Club's defibrillator be required coaches must follow the instructions on the casement to gain access to the equipment. This is located next to the pavilion front door. It would be good practice to make opposition teams aware of the club's defibrillator location and instructions for use.</p>	