

Guidelines for weekend fixtures at Stanley Park Sports Ground.

WELCOME BACK TO STANLEY PARK SPORTS GROUND. PLEASE ADHERE TO AND RESPECT THESE GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL VISITORS AND STAFF AT STANLEY PARK.

All players, officials, volunteers and spectators must complete 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 37.8c);
- A new, continuous cough;
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.

If a participant becomes Covid-19 Symptomatic during the activity they should immediately remove themselves from the session and return home as soon as possible. NHS guidance on further management of symptoms should be followed.

If an individual becomes symptomatic post activity they must follow the NHS Test and Trace guidance found [HERE](#).

Stanley Park Sports Ground have a COVID risk assessment that you are asked to read which is available on our website. <https://www.chippenham.gov.uk/stanley-park>

All clubs must provide a COVID risk assessment, which covers all their teams. This must be submitted prior to any pitch booking.

Competitive match play is now permitted, however, in all settings before and after the session, and in any breaks, all participants should practise social distancing, in line with government guidelines on two metres or 'one metre plus'. You can read these guidelines [HERE](#).

Pitch allocation will be posted on Facebook the Thursday before weekend fixtures. They will also be sent to club secretaries who can forward it on to those coaches within their clubs that do not use Facebook. There will be no information regarding pitch plans in the building. **IT IS UP TO THE HOME TEAM TO RELAY THIS INFORMATION TO THE AWAY TEAM.**

Arrival at the facility should be no more than 40 minutes prior to your fixture with arrival at your pitch no more than 30 minutes prior to your fixture. **IT IS THE HOME TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE AWAY TEAM**

Once your fixture has finished you are required to leave the facility as quickly as possible. **IT IS THE HOME TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE AWAY TEAM.**



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Substitutes and coaches are permitted but must socially distance on the touchline or in the dugout. During warm ups and cool downs, participants should practise social distancing where possible. **IT IS THE HOME TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THESE MEASURES ARE PUT IN PLACE PRIOR TO KICK OFF.**

Goals will be put in place for matches by Stanley Park Sports Ground staff. They will be cleaned at the beginning and the end of the day by Stanley Park Sports Ground staff. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME TEAM TO WIPE BOTH GOALS DOWN AFTER THEIR GAME HAS FINISHED WITH ANTI-BACTERIAL WIPES AND TO TAKE THE WIPES AWAY AND DISPOSE.**

Corner flags will be put out and collected on all pitches by members of the Stanley Park Sports Ground staff. They will also be cleaned by staff.

NO RESPECT BARRIERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE FACILITY IN ORDER TO MITIGATE TRANSFER. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLUBS TO PROVIDE THIS.

On 7 April, the Government updated [its guidance in relation to spectators](#). This confirms that at Step Two and Step One B, spectators are not permitted to attend sporting events taking place on private land, other than adults needed to supervise U18s that they have a responsibility for or providing care or assistance to a person with disabilities. They should maintain social distance and not mix with other households. This does not prevent people from viewing recreational or organised sport that is taking place in a public space, e.g. a park, at Step One B or Step Two, in groups of up to six people or two households. However, sporting events that are intended to attract spectators (including ticketed football matches), or events that are likely to attract a significant number of spectators (e.g. matches that would attract a large crowd) should not take place in a public space, or on private land, until step three.

From 12th April, Step 2 social contact rules in England will remain the same as in Step 1 – outdoor gatherings must be limited to groups of six people or two households, with no indoor mixing allowed unless otherwise exempt. This limits people from attending an event in a group of larger than 6 people or 2 households. A ‘household’ can include a linked support bubble.

(please see <https://www.thefa.com/news/2021/apr/08/grassroots-football-update-step-two-20210408> for full spectator clarification).



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Spectator areas will be highlighted to Clubs via the pitch plan. **IT IS THE HOME TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE SPECTATORS OF THEIR FIXTURE STAND AND SOCIAL DISTANCE IN THIS AREA.**

Spectators will **NOT** be allowed on the 3G. There will be clear signage saying **NO PARENTS/SPECTATORS BEYOND THIS POINT** and also signage saying **3G PICK UP POINT** once the fixture has finished. **IT IS UP TO THE HOME TEAM TO RELAY THIS INFORMATION TO THE AWAY TEAM AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME TEAM TO MAKE SURE NO PARENTS/SPECTATORS ENTER THE 3G.**

Goal celebrations should be conducted in a socially distant manner.

As a format football, Walking Football is covered by all the same guidelines that are provided by the FA.

If a participant gets injured, a member of their household can assist if present and appropriate, but other (including match officials, teammates and coaches) will still need to socially distance unless a life or limb-threatening injury necessitates compromising guideline to provide emergency care.

If there is a first-aider or other medical personnel present, they should be equipped with the appropriate PPE (including face covering) before treating anyone to protect themselves and others if they need to compromise social-distancing guidelines to provide medical assistance.

All clubs and teams need to ensure they are affiliated to their respective Country FA to ensure valid insurance is in place and to allow for the use of FA registered referees. This should be stated in the clubs risk assessment.

The sharing of equipment must be avoided where possible. Where equipment is shared, equipment must be cleaned before use by another person.

Clubs must always consider whether there are local restrictions in place in their area. If so, clubs should first read the guidance relevant to their areas this may supersede FA guidance and therefore also football activity. In this instance Stanley Park Sports Ground may be closed.

Changing rooms are an area of increased risk and **will remain closed** at this time with this being reviewed again in step 3. Players and Official should arrive changed and shower at home.

Preparation and use of toilets before, during or after the match or training should follow government guidance. **TOILETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN BUILDING WHERE THE FACILITY WILL BE OPERATING A ONE IN ONE OUT POLICY. A QUEUEING SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE.**

Supporters, parents, and other spectator should remain socially distanced whilst attending events. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes. Current guidance also states that a maximum of 30 individuals per team (in each half as a divider). The recommendation



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would be limiting 1 adult to attend a fixture per player which also supports Safeguarding measures. **IT IS UP TO THE HOME TEAM TO PUT THESE MEASURES IN PLACE BEFORE AND DURING THE GAME. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME TEAM TO CASCADE HOW THEY PLAN TO DO THIS WITH PARENTS AND OPPOSITION COACHES.**

Clubs must support NHS Test and Trace efforts by collecting name and contact information of all participants at matches. Due to **GDPR guidelines both teams will need to collate their own track and trace information with managers keeping in touch with opponents if the facility gets contacted by the NHS.**

This information should be stored for a minimum of 21 days in-line with the government Recreational Team Support Framework and collected/processed in accordance with the data protection Act 2018 and in line with GDPR principles. It should be used only for the purpose of NHS Test and Trace.

The catering facilities will not operate as part of step 1 of the governments roadmap.

ANY OBSERVATIONS THAT CONTRAVENE THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE REPORTED TO THE CLUB SECRETARY FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND ACTIONS.

IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY AND DUE TO THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THESE GUIDELINES ANY TEAM/TEAMS NOT ADHEREING TO WHAT IS OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE STOPPED FROM USING THE FACILITY.