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WELCOME

Dear Football Family,

We hope you're keeping safe and well.

In this pack you will find the latest FA and Government guidance on indoor football.

If you have any questions, please get in touch and one of the team will be happy to help.

Stay safe, from all at Cambridgeshire FA

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The FA guidance has been updated and can be viewed in full here

FA INDOOR FOOTBALL STATEMENT

The FA can confirm that some indoor formats of the game may continue from **24 September 2020** with certain restrictions – such as groups of six strictly being adhered to – following the UK Government's latest measures in relation to Covid-19.

The rule of six will apply to all indoor organised football for anyone over the age of 18. As a result, indoor training and 3 v. 3 games can continue for adults but they must be limited to groups of no more than six people and follow The FA's updated guidance on re-starting football. If groups of six adults are likely to mix during either indoor training or games they must not go ahead.

Everyone under the age of 18 or living with disabilities will be exempt from the rule of six. However, while indoor training and games will not be limited for these people, they must also follow The FA's updated guidance on re-starting indoor football

All participants and staff involved in indoor football must also follow the **UK Government's latest Covid-19 measures** in relation to face coverings; facility closing times and NHS test and trace:

- Face coverings must be worn by staff at all times and by participants when they are not taking part in training, games or seated at a table to eat or drink;
- All indoor facilities – including those with club house bars – must close at 22:00;
- All indoor facilities must also support the **UK Government's guidance on NHS test and trace** and **implement the use of QR codes from 24 September 2020**.

The UK Government's latest Covid-19 measures are legal requirements and failure to follow them could result in fines.

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COVID-19 Q&A

Do the recent Government restrictions limiting gatherings to groups of 6 affect grassroots football?

Outdoor team sports are exempt from these restrictions and organised, Covid-19 secure grassroots football can continue. All participants must follow all FA and Government guidance.

From Thursday 24 September, organised indoor sport and indoor exercise classes for adults can continue to take place, provided groups of more than six do not mix (i.e. a maximum of 3 v 3 matches can be played indoors). If groups of six are likely to mix, these indoor activities must not go ahead.

There are exemptions for organised indoor team sports for disabled people and also for children (under-18s). Therefore, disabled people and children can continue to play indoor sport without restrictions on numbers.

What happens if a player tests positive for Covid-19?

If there is a player who has tested positive, they must from that point self-isolate (or if they have symptoms, from the moment of symptoms) and NHS Test and Trace will pick up from this point. The player should contact **NHS 111**.

The Club can carry on, but be mindful to ensure all the guidelines are strictly followed on social distancing, hand washing etc. If Test and Trace contact them, they must provide the details and then if deemed anyone needs to isolate on their instruction, do so.

What happens if I have played an opposition team and one of their players has tested positive for Covid-19?

Match play is not considered 'close contact' so no action is needed unless individuals experience symptoms, in which case they must self-isolate from that point as per Government guidance.

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COVID-19 Q&A

Do we need to support NHS Test and Trace efforts?

Yes, facility providers are expected to fully support the Government's test and trace system. This involves displaying **NHS QR posters at your venue** to offer a quick, simple and secure way for visitors to register that they've been to your venue. **You must register for an official NHS QR code and display your official NHS QR poster at entrances to your venue**, in places that are easy for visitors to see and access such as your car park and entrances to your pitches and clubhouse. The same poster should be printed and displayed multiple times to avoid queuing and congestion when visitors are registering.

Do all players and parents have to scan the code or can a coach scan this on behalf of the players?

Anyone over the age of 16 should register their visit. Parents/guardians can do this on behalf of their children. Individuals are encouraged to register (instead of a group representative).

Is the QR code just for facilities with buildings/changing rooms?

This applies to all football facility types including pitch only sites, however if not practical to use the QR code, information can be captured manually. Essentially, if you play at a venue that is visited by members of the public and has a space where people congregate, then we encourage you to create a QR code poster for that venue if not already in place.

When does a club need to create a QR code?

A club should create a QR code when the club is the facility operator or a QR code is not provided by the facility it hires for training or home matches. Each different venue should have a QR code.

Where can I find out more about the NHS QR code for test and trace?

A full set of FAQ's from the NHS can be found [here](#)

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COVID-19 Q&A – FACILITIES

What visitor types does test and trace apply to?

Players, spectators, coaches, match officials, staff / volunteers and all other visitors to the site aged 16 and above.

If we use local authority pitches, do we still have to produce a QR code, or do the Local Authority?

This must be agreed between the facility provider and the user group. In certain venues it may be more effective for user clubs to register visitors. In such cases, each club must provide the facility provider with a copy of their Covid-19 risk-assessment (including its track and trace measures)

What happens for people who don't have the appropriate smart phone to scan the code, or no phone at all?

A manual system must remain in place as a backup.

What happens if a visitor refuses to register via the NHS QR system?

For pitches and outdoor areas, downloading and using the NHS COVID-19 app is currently voluntary. Facility providers should encourage all visitors to use this service but should not stop visitor access if they have not used the check in feature. However, in hospitality areas, Government guidance states that visitors should be refused entry if they do not provide their name and contact details, is not in a group (for which one other member has provided name and contact details), or who has not scanned the NHS QR code. If in the rare case that a customer or visitor becomes unruly, you should follow your own security procedures. This may include calling the police if you feel the individual poses a risk to yourself or others.

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COVID-19 Q&A – FACILITIES

Can clubs/venues provide food and drink?

Yes, for those clubs that have catering and bar facilities they are able to operate in accordance with the government guidelines for that sector and these can be found [here](#). Extra considerations should be made to ensure social distancing is in place. Further information can be found in The FA's guidance on facilities which you can find [here](#). Face coverings must be worn by customers in hospitality venues, when they are not eating or drinking. Staff will also be required to wear face covering as well. Exemptions apply which you can read about [here](#)

What is permitted as 'organised' football?

Above all, football must be played in an organised and safe environment that has a Covid-19 risk assessment specifically for organised football activity. This can be provided by **a)** the user group (e.g. a club), **b)** the facility provider (e.g. a small sided football centre), or **c)** by both.

Where no risk assessment exists – groups must follow the Governments 'rule of six'.

Example 1:

A football club that has its own Covid-19 risk assessment and plays at a local park = permitted.

Example 2:

A small-sided team that plays at a small sided football centre with a Covid-19 risk assessment = permitted.

Example 3:

A group of friends that meet at a local park for a kick about = must follow the Governments 'rule of six'.

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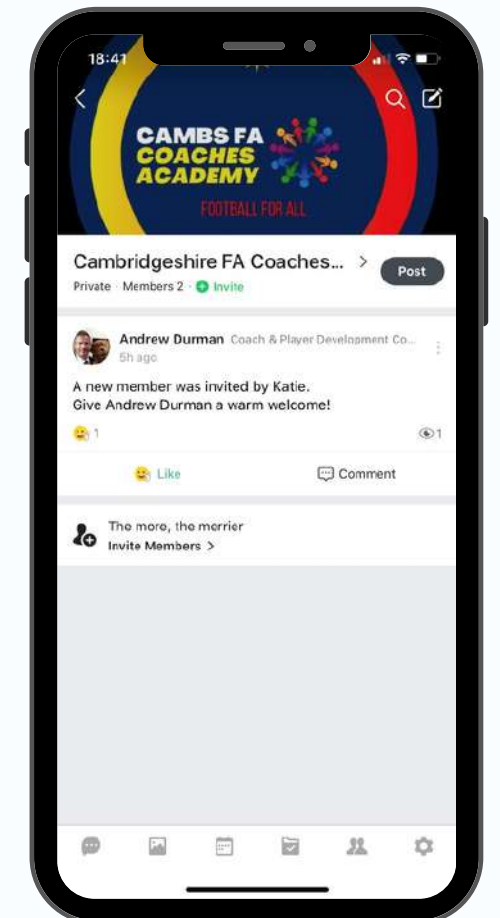


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