



Northants FA Return to Football FAQ's

Can we travel between Tiers to play grassroots football?

Adults can travel to play grassroots football in between Tier 1 and Tier 2. However, adults cannot travel in and out of Tier 3 to play grassroots football, this includes both training and matches. The exception to this is elite football provision (see question below).

U18's, disability teams, volunteers, elite players and for those travelling for work are exempt from this and are able to travel. Parents travelling with these groups of individuals must adhere to the relative guidance within that Tier (social distancing and rule of six etc).

Parents/Carers transporting children or car-sharing are reminded that they must adhere to the relevant [safeguarding guidance at all times](#).

Is this the same for elite football?

No. Players and essential club staff at steps 3-6 of the NLS, steps 3-6 of the Women's Football Pyramid, the Barclays FA WSL Academy and Regional Talent Clubs can travel into and out of Tier 3 areas.

Are spectators allowed to watch our games (grassroots)?

Grassroots (Men's & Women's) and junior outdoor grassroots football are permitted to accommodate socially-distanced spectators but must follow the rule of six and Government guidance on [restrictions on certain tiers](#).

Can we open our clubhouse to serve food and drink?

In Tier 2, Clubhouses must close unless they operate as if they were a restaurant. This means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal. They may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal and all food and drink to be ordered and consumed at the table (Tables can only be same household).

Do we still a Designated COVID Officer?

All clubs are required to have a designated COVID-19 officer; complete and publish bespoke risk assessments and action plans. [Test and Trace](#) also needs to remain in place and people encouraged to scan this at venues.

Is indoor football permitted?

In all three tiers, disability football, football for U18's and sport for educational purposes is permitted indoors subject to adherence to the relevant guidelines including Track and Trace.

In Tier 2, indoor adult football is permitted if the rule of six is followed. However, this is only applicable with people you live with or are in a support bubble with.

In Tier 3, indoor football is NOT permitted.