



Saintfield United Football Club – Youth

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

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Summary Statement

Saintfield United Football Club - Youth ('SUFC-Youth') has a duty of care to protect the safety and welfare of its players, coaches and volunteers at all times and must ensure the implementation of safe and effective social distancing and hygiene measures in line with government advice to limit the potential for Covid-19 infection.

If at any time the club believes such safety and welfare is potentially compromised it reserves the right to consider cancellation or amendment of any activity while measures are reviewed. All activities will be carried out in line with current government Covid-19 guidelines and are continually reviewed.

Hazard	Specific Risk	Who is at Risk	Control Measures/Mitigation	Risk after Mitigation
Awareness - Covid-19, IFA guidelines & NI executive guidelines	SUFC-Youth do not have sufficient awareness of the risks associated with Covid-19 and on the guidelines / best practice that must be followed	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	SUFC-Youth have appointed a Covid-19 Officer who is responsible for having club oversight of adherence to Irish FA and NI Executive guidance on Covid-19.	Low
Communication – Covid-19 response	Persons involved in SUFC-Youth (players, coaches etc) are not fully aware of the new requirements implemented by the club	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Irish FA guidance on Covid-19 has been issued to all coaches. SUFC-Youth Covid-19 Risk Assessments has been issued to all coaches, made available on the club webpages and forms part of the 2020/21 registration pack. Parents or guardians will be required to consent before their child can participate in SUFC-Youth activities. Consent will form part of the registration process.	Low
Signage	Signage promoting good hand hygiene and social distancing is not available at training venues	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Appropriate Covid-19 signage is available at the SUFC training facility.	Low
Symptomatic persons	Cross contamination of Covid-19	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Any person (e.g. player, parent, coach, volunteer etc) that is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or have been in contact with someone displaying Covid-19 symptoms or diagnosed with Covid-19 within the last 2 weeks should not attend any SUFC-Youth activities. For further information on Covid-19 symptoms see https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/	Low
Contact Tracing	SUFC-Youth are unable to identify the persons in attendance at activities following the confirmation of an infected person	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Coaches will maintain a record of attendees at all SUFC-Youth activities.	Medium
Travel	Cross contamination of Covid-19 through shared travel	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Only players, parents & coaches from the same household should travel to training and or matches in the same car.	Low
Arriving onsite	Cross contamination of Covid-19	Players, coaches,	Players, coaches and all others should follow social distancing recommendations at all times.	Low

		parents & volunteers	Avoid gathering in groups or clusters in car parking areas. All players and coaches will be asked to use hand sanitising facilities upon arrival at venues.	
Hand hygiene	Cross contamination of Covid-19	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Hand sanitising facilities are available at the SUFC training facility Coaches will encourage players to maintain good hand hygiene.	Medium
Person to person contact	Cross contamination of Covid-19 through person to person contact at training / matches	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	All players and coaches will be asked to use hand sanitising facilities upon arrival at venues. Prior to the commencement of training sessions, all equipment will be disinfected by the coaching staff. Training sessions will be facilitated in line with the latest guidelines issued by the NI Executive and Irish FA in relation to group sizes. Players and coaches are encouraged not to touch balls or other playing equipment with their hands. Playing equipment will not be shared with other groups or teams. Drinks bottles should not be shared. Players will be discouraged from unnecessary contact – e.g. high fives & handshakes. Players will be discouraged from spitting. Parents should not enter the training / match facility.	Medium
Shared equipment	Cross contamination of Covid-19 through use of shared equipment	Players & coaches	All players and coaches will be asked to use hand sanitising facilities upon arrival at venues. Prior to the commencement of training sessions, all equipment will be cleaned by the coaching staff. Players and coaches are encouraged not to touch balls or other playing equipment with their hands. Playing equipment will not be shared with other groups or teams. Drinks bottles should not be shared. Players should attend training and matches wearing required kit. Playing kits should be taken home by players and washed after matches.	Medium
Changing Room Facilities	Cross contamination of Covid-19	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Changing rooms will not be utilised for SUFC-Youth activities. Players should attend training and matches wearing required kit. Playing kits should be taken home by players and washed after matches.	Low
Toilet Facilities	Cross contamination of Covid-19	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Toilet facilities will be available at venues. The number of persons utilising toilets at the same time will be limited. Good hand hygiene will be encouraged.	Medium

Frist Aid	Cross contamination of Covid-19	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	First aid should continue to be provided where required. Efforts should be made to maintain social distancing and allow players to self-treat (where possible). First aiders should wear gloves and face masks.	Medium
Spectators	Cross contamination of Covid-19	Players, coaches, parents & volunteers	Spectators should not enter venues.	Low