

PLAYING FOOTBALL IN CJB UNDER COVID RESTRICTIONS

GUIDANCE FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANISING OR DELIVERING FOOTBALL IN CJB – READ THIS FIRST!

We are allowed to deliver outdoor competitive football from 18 July 2020 and to play competitive matches against teams from other clubs from 1 August 2020 so long as we meet all the requirements set out in the FA's document "COVID-19 GUIDANCE ON RE-STARTING OUTDOOR COMPETITIVE GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL". This is a long document and refers to other long documents. We have tried to reduce this load by giving you briefings and providing you with templates which are described in this note.

We are only allowed to provide outdoor competitive football if we follow all the guidance laid down by the FA. If you are not prepared to do everything set out in this note, then you may not deliver competitive football as part of CJB.

You need to be familiar with and use the following documents (all of which are available on the Club website and will be emailed to team managers):

1. the CJB Club Covid-19 assessment – this document assesses the Covid-19 risk to the Club as a whole and includes actions that must be taken by every team manager and by others. Everyone who has responsibility for delivering football in CJB must read this document and take actions allocated to them;
2. team specific Covid-19 assessment template – each team must complete this template before 1 August and review it after every training session or match. This is for the team's own use but the Club may ask to see completed templates from time to time;
3. briefing for spectators, players and coaches – team managers must issue these briefs to all spectators, players and coaches, and to anyone else who may be present at a training session or match;
4. attendance register – a register must be kept of everyone who is present at each training session or match, and it must be kept available for inspection for 21 days. This is a requirement made by Government so that we can play our part in "test and trace" if anyone connected with CJB shows signs of Covid-19 symptoms. Those attending must be told that we are keeping the register and that we may share the information in it with the NHS if asked to do so;
5. parental consent form – although we ask for parental consent when players join the club it is essential that everyone understands what we are doing now and the restrictions we are operating under. Parents must give consent for every player up to and including age seventeen to join in football delivered by CJB under these current Covid-19 restrictions.

We have also done two other things:

6. we have set up an email address cjbfriendlies@gmail.com so that team managers can tell the club when they have arranged matches against teams from other clubs. Team managers must do this before each match that takes place, stating their opponents name, venue and kick off time. Teams need to assure themselves they have parental consent and have issued briefing before each game and that they have taken a register of attendance which they then keep for 21 days; and
7. we have appointed a Club Covid-officer, Aaron Nicholls (email: aaron7nicholls@gmail.com mobile: 07852 101235).

This might look like a lot to do but some of it is once only (eg new parental consent) and some of it can be done in advance (eg attendance registers can be drawn up beforehand so that on the day all that is necessary is to strike through the names of folks not there and add in any new folks).

These guidance documents (both ours and the FA's) are new and have been put together quickly so that we can get on with playing football. If you find that some things don't work in practice or can be done better, then please tell us. What you may not do is ignore some of these activities because you think they are unnecessary or go too far.

The point of all this is not just to tick boxes set out by others but to protect everyone in and connected to CJB. Their safety is our paramount concern. Cutting corners is not acceptable.

Any issues or problems contact:

Aaron Nicholls (email: aaron7nicholls@gmail.com mobile: 07852 101235) – about anything connected directly with the FA's Covid-19 guidance or this note

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