



# PILKINGTON FC

## COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

### MATCHDAYS – HOME

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#### Summary Statement

Pilkington FC is committed to the implementation of safe and effective social distancing and cleaning routines in line with Government advice and guidelines to limit the potential spread of COVID-19. Club activities will be carried out in line with this Risk Assessment which will be subject to continuous review by the club.

<u>Risk/Hazard</u>	<u>Who is at Risk and how</u>	<u>Specific issues and Control Measures</u>
<p><b>Spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19)</b></p> <p>Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature (37.8 degrees Celsius or above) or a new, continuous cough. Loss of taste and sense of smell.</p>	<p><b>Players Managers Coaches First Aid Staff Club Officials Volunteers Spectators Referee and Assistant Referees</b></p> <p><i>(may suffer mild to moderate respiratory illness, and possibly severe or fatal illness where the individual is an older person or has an underlying medical problem such as: cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, cancer, etc, through:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exposure to respiratory secretions (droplets) from a person infected with Covid-19 being directly transferred into the mouths or</li> </ul>	<p><b>Covid-19 Self-assessment</b></p> <p>All players, Match officials, Club officials, volunteers must undergo 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high temperature (above 37.8°C);</li> <li>• A new, continuous cough;</li> <li>• A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.</li> </ul> <p>This check should be done before leaving home for the match. Should an individual have any of the above symptoms they should dial for a test through the NHS and then allow the NHS Test and Trace service to manage contacts.</p>
		<p><b>Track and trace Attendance Recording</b></p> <p>All people who attend home matches including players, officials, coaches and Spectators will not be allowed to pass through the gate until a satisfactory temperature check has been carried out.</p> <p>A record of all Managers/Coaches/Players/Medical Staff and Spectators attending each training session/match must be recorded by using the EVEPASS App so that in the event anyone contracting Covid-19 the information can be passed onto NHS Test and Trace service to manage contacts.</p> <p>These records to be kept for 21 days.</p>
		<p><b>Changing facilities</b></p> <p>Currently no changing facilities are to be used.</p> <p>Players should arrive in Club tracksuits and change into kit after team selection.</p> <p>Team talks prior to match and at half time should be conducted outside with social distancing in place.</p>
		<p><b>Contact with equipment</b></p> <p>All equipment to be sanitised prior to use in training or matches, this includes balls, poles cones etc. People carrying out this cleaning process must consider the use of face masks and gloves.</p>
		<p><b>Training bibs</b></p> <p>Training bibs to be limited to single person use at each session and washed after every training session or match.</p>
		<p><b>Spectators/Observers</b></p>

noses of people who are nearby (within 2m) or possible could be inhaled into the lungs;

- Touching a person, surface or object that has been contaminated with respiratory secretions from an infected person and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes (such as shaking hands, touching door handles and then touching own face)

May also suffer skin conditions affecting the hands as a result of frequent hand washing)

Spectators after a change in Government guidelines and agreement with St Helens Council will be allowed but are limited to the following in number. Allowed maximum is 30 people per ¼ pitch, 60 people per ½ pitch & 120 people per full pitch booking from Saturday 29/08/2020 for a trial period of 2 weeks including numbers in spectator stand on football 3g pitch.

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#### **Personal hygiene**

Hand sanitiser will be available at matches with regular use encouraged, along with reminders to wash hands as frequently as possible. For at least 20 seconds with hot soapy water.

Provide sanitising solutions for Players/Officials both entering and leaving the field of play.

#### **Drinks bottles**

Shared drinks bottles should NOT be used, players and staff should use drinks containers for their individual use only. These should be labelled with their name.

#### **Match Officials**

Match Officials should travel independently in accordance with transport guidance. Even though this may impact on travel costs.

#### **Team Sheets**

Physical Team sheets should not be exchanged between the Officials and opposition where possible. This should be sent electronically by photo, email or Matchday application.

#### **Respect Hand Shake**

Respect pre match handshake will be suspended until further notice.

#### **Tunnel Management**

Teams should not enter the field of play together. Teams will stagger their arrival onto the pitch which will be pre agreed with the Match Officials.

#### **Match Official Payments**

Where possible arrangements will be made for payments to be made electronically. This should be communicated in advance with Match Officials and Club Secretary.

#### **Dugouts**

Alternative seating outside of the Team dugout will be needed to provide adequate social distancing for substitutes and Coaching staff. Technical Areas will be allowed to extend for this purpose.

#### **Warm-ups**

Warm-up areas need to be marked out or communicated to teams/Match officials prior to Kick off which provide sufficient social distancing.

#### **Board Room**

For the foreseeable future, Board Rooms and associated hospitality will not be available for visiting clubs and officials

#### **Personal Hygiene**

Provide sanitising solutions for users entering and exiting toilet facilities. Check facilities periodically.

#### **Post-Match Hand shake**

<p>No post-match handshake to be carried out. Fist pumps and elbow touching is allowed.</p>
<p><b>Kit</b>          Kit man to collect all kit from players and place in sanitised kit bag.          Gloves and face mask to be used.</p>
<p><b>General site facilities - Home and Away</b>          All Players, Match officials, Coaching staff, Club officials and staff will adhere to the guidelines and measures put in place by the local authorities for the use of general facilities, whether at our home facility which is council run or any facilities that we might visit.</p>
<p><b>St Helens Council General site facilities instructions.</b>          These instructions, in conjunction with the above, must be followed for the safety of both customers and staff during the current Covid-19 Pandemic are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhere to one-way system in operation.</li> <li>• Attend your pre-booked slot no earlier than 5 minutes prior to start time.</li> <li>• If you arrive 5 minutes after start time you will not be able to enter the facility.</li> <li>• Maximum 20 people per ¼ pitch, 40 people per ½ pitch &amp; 80 people per full pitch booking. These figures include players, coaches and officials.</li> <li>• No changing rooms available until Government guidelines allow.</li> <li>• Spectators after a change in Government guidelines will be allowed but are limited to the following in number. Allowed maximum is 30 people per ¼ pitch, 60 people per ½ pitch &amp; 120 people per full pitch booking from Saturday 29/08/2020 for a trial period of 2 weeks including numbers in spectator stand on football 3g pitch.</li> <li>• Spectator stand on 3g football pitch will be reopened for Matchdays, social distance controlled by using every other seat on rows 2 (24 seats) and 4 (28 seats) only. Total seated Capacity 52.</li> <li>• Follow our signs and instructions on hand sanitization.</li> <li>• Follow National Governing Body guidelines for each sport.</li> <li>• Practice our social distancing policy when in and around the facility.</li> <li>• Bring your own water bottle and hand sanitizer.</li> <li>• Accept our zero-tolerance policy towards any form of abuse towards staff.</li> <li>• Be patient, respectful and tolerant of fellow customers.</li> <li>• A risk assessment should be provided by all sports clubs using the facility.</li> <li>• The person completing the application form must support NHS Test and trace efforts by collecting name and contact information on participants at both training and matches. This information should be stored for a minimum of 21 days in-line with the Government Recreational Team Sport 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. Current government guidance must be followed.</li> </ul>