



Ballymena United Youth Academy **COVID-19 Policy**

Ballymena United Youth Academy (Club) regards good Health & Safety practice as a vital part of its business, and as such the Club's management aim to do all that is reasonably practicable in relation to COVID-19.

Our aim is to minimise the risk of transmission through club activities, to protect the club staff, officials, players and spectators.

The Club is committed to continual improvement in health & safety performance, in line with our overall Club Health & Safety policy. The risk of COVID-19 is a new risk that has a profound effect on the Club, Football, UK and the wider world.

In response we have established a COVID-19 Policy.

Ballymena United Youth Academy will:

- Adhere to government guidance;
- Maintain social distancing measures;
- Where people cannot be socially distanced, manage transmission risk by:
 - Implementing robust operational plans to meet obligations;
 - Demonstrating risk assessment; and
 - Mitigation

In respect of COVID-19, the Club's committee has a responsibility to:

- Provide and maintain a safe environment, without risk to health and safety, as far as reasonably practicable considering any statutory requirements considering Government, IFA, council and League COVID-19 guidance;
- Ensure that all procedures/processes, which may involve COVID-19 hazards, are covered by suitable Risk Assessments. The findings of the Risk Assessments are to be updated as necessary and relevant groups informed of their contents;
- Provide training, information and supervision to enable volunteers, coaches, players and spectators to participate in football safely and efficiently in the context of COVID-19;
- Make available all necessary PPE to ensure safe working conditions and to supervise its use;
- Consult with relevant groups on matters concerning COVID-19 health and safety;
- Ensure that the same standard of COVID-19 health and safety is provided to other persons who may be affected by our undertaking;
- Communicate the contents of this policy to relevant groups;



- Make the necessary personnel and financial resources available to implement this Policy.

Volunteers, officials and players have a duty to cooperate with the management by:

- Participating safely and efficiently not endangering their own or others safety;
- Using PPE provided and by meeting statutory obligations;
- Reporting incidents that have led or may lead to transmission;
- Reporting of defective equipment and unsafe situations;
- Assisting in the investigation of incidents with the object of introducing measures to prevent a recurrence;
- Adhering to the policy and guidance issued by the club.

The Club's Committee will:

- appoint Designated COVID Officer (DCO)
- provide appropriate guidance to club volunteers, officials, players and spectators
- conduct COVID-19 risk assessments
- include COVID-19 status updates as part of the monthly Committee Meetings

The Policy will be kept up to date, through an annual review or as and when new guidance is issued by relevant bodies.

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