



STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS
FOOTBALL CLUB

BRACKEN MOOR STADIUM AND
ASSOCIATED PITCHES

COVID -19

RISK ASSESSMENT

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“COVID” SECURE VENUES

COVID-19 SECURE

When the government advises that it is safe for sporting events to resume, it is likely that cases of COVID-19 will continue to occur in the community. With this in mind Stocksbridge Park Steels FC remain committed in aligning itself and working closely with current guidelines and restrictions to ensure the safety of all users of the clubs facilities.

As the government continues to plan and prepare for further loosening of restrictions we want to do everything possible to enable our users, players, managers, coaches, helpers and spectators to return to sport safely and responsibly.

Stocksbridge Park Steels FC have put together a detailed Risk Assessment portfolio which sets out its COVID-19 aims, objectives, plans and arrangements for both its facilities and its users.

This portfolio sets the benchmark for COVID-19 compliance at this time and will be communicated, clearly and regularly with its members and participants, setting out what the club is doing to manage risk and to what advice is given to individuals.

SPSFC are committed to protect people from harm, this includes taking reasonable steps to protect all users and participants from COVID-19.

We have identified activities and / or situations that may cause transmission of the virus and have given thought of who could be at risk. We have decided how likely it is that someone could be exposed and acted to remove the activity or situation, or indeed control the risk.

Measures and Controls, particularly for matchdays at Bracken Moor have needed to be innovative but with a flexibility in mind in case of a sudden governmental relaxation in guidelines and restrictions.

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Bracken Moor Stadium facility



Risk	Who might be harmed?	Controls required	Additional controls required	Action by whom	Date completed	Date action reviewed / sign
Spread of Covid-19	Users of the changing rooms complex and all outdoor areas	<p>The changing rooms...see restrictions</p> <p>The showers see restrictions. The main toilets and washing facilities PLUS the officials and control rooms are open, with restrictions. Frequent disinfectant wiping of taps, toilet, door handles and light switch is required in these two areas as they will be used regularly by parents, players etc...who attend training sessions.</p> <p>Outdoor places for spectators such as standing areas and seating are open but social distancing guidelines must be observed. Dugouts are open with social distancing only...additional seats available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One way system to prevent congestion wherever possible. • Spectator prevention barriers • Appropriate COVID signage strategically placed • Multiple sanitiser stations • Internal COVID protocol to be observed by all users 	<p>When the resumption of football matches in the Stadium is in place frequent / regular disinfectant wiping is required. All internal high touch surfaces throughout the facility, such as, light switches, sink tops, taps, toilets, seats, urinals, door handles and tables etc need wiping down once the facility is cleared of players, officials etc pre kick off time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaner must wear appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) <p>Outdoor areas need routine cleaning and disinfectant wiping / spraying of surfaces. High use areas such as hand rails and bars should be highlighted for wiping down during and after games. Wooden / plastic seating also would benefit from disinfectant cleaning, particularly if there is a midweek game as the virus can stay on some surfaces for 3 to 4 days and <u>vice – versa</u></p>	The committee	July 2020 or ...As and when required depending on the easing of restrictions	

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Bracken Moor Stadium Facility...Contd “RESTRICTIONS”

Risk	Who might be harmed?	Controls required	Additional controls required	Action by whom	Date completed	Date action reviewed / sign
Spread of Covid 19	All users	<p>The changing rooms are limited to 13 people at any one time. The starting 11 plus 2 managers. Social distancing must be observed in accordance with in house seating identification.</p> <p>The showers are limited to sets of 3 players at any one time and staggered, using identified shower units accordingly. Players must quickly shower off and spend as little time socialising as possible. Mens urinal limited to one person only.</p>	No spitting or blowing nose Black and yellow tape across urinal to prevent 2 persons			

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GUIDANCE FOR USERS OF BRACKEN MOOR STADIUM AND ASSOCIATED PITCHES

Football Activities

These guidelines have been produced in line with the Governments “COVID 19” advice issued on 1st June 2020 which saw the easing of lockdown measures and restrictions, together with a phased return of outdoor sports and recreation.

This easing of restrictions has enabled SPSFC to cautiously recommence football related activities.

The Club is aware that “BAME” (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) people may be at greater risk from COVID 19. Based on this information any person that fits this criteria should make a personal decision as to whether the time is right to re start playing, coaching, watching or helping. If anyone is in doubt, or you are not comfortable returning to football, in whatever capacity...then don,t!

Training Sessions

ONE METRE PLUS

Government and FA guidelines must be followed...

- Football training and fitness activities must be conducted in groups of no more than six.
- When distancing of two metres is possible then this should be met, if not then one metre is acceptable.
- Physical contact with anyone outside your household is not permitted, therefore playing of any games, small sided or full is not allowed at this time
- As a Club we ask all players, managers, coaches, helpers and spectators to support this initiative, if you are not happy with the arrangements that have been made then remove yourself from that environment.

Arriving at the Training Session

- Wherever possible you should arrive changed and ready.
- Changing rooms are closed.
- Avoid congregating in the car park
- Use hand sanitiser or bring / use your own, before handling balls and equipment. Running water is available if you need it.
- Toilet facilities may be available but SPSFC encourage people to try and use one at home.
- If you have any additional medical needs you must ensure that you discuss them specifically with the coach or manager so that the Club can accommodate wherever possible, in accordance with current COVID 19 guidance.

At and During the Session

- Bibs must not be used unless they can be washed in between each session and must not be shared at any point during a session.
- Avoid touching balls and equipment with your hands ie discs, cones, goals...etc. Equipment should be handled as little as possible by as few people as possible

- Refrain from spitting...Coughing and sneezing must be into the elbow joint / upper sleeve area and don,t touch your face. Tissues used must be disposed into the bins that are provided.
- Balls should be wiped with disinfectant wipes at regular periods throughout the session.
- Goal posts wiped with disinfectant wipes at regular intervals throughout the session.
- Use your own water bottles, do not share water bottles...identify your own water bottle.
- If you get injured during the session a member of your household can assist you if present, if not the squads qualified first aider will attend.
- First aider will wear mask / face covering and gloves when attending to an injured player.
- If you become symptomatic during a session you should immediately remove yourself from the session and return home.

After the Session

- Leave the venue...do not congregate in the car parks, near to the gates or on the pitches...please avoid any sort of congestion.
- Wash your hands at the earliest opportunity and thoroughly clean any personal equipment with disinfectant wipes.
- Showers after training is not permitted
- Wash your kit

Stocksbridge Park Steels FC would like to thank you in advance for playing your part in helping us get going again.

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Home Players, Managers, Physio and Officials



Risk	Who might be harmed?	Controls required	Additional controls required	Action by whom	Date completed	Date action reviewed / sign
Spread of Covid 19	Players, Managers, Physio, Referee, linespersons	<p>Home players and associated staff will enter the ground using the turnstiles. The game officials will use the turnstiles entrance too.</p> <p>Home players and staff will enter the changing rooms using the normal control room route. as will the Officials. Officials will be met by SPS person, given COVID protocol instructions and then directed to their designated changing room.</p> <p>Staggered changing required.</p> <p>Once changed and ready Officials and home players will enter the pitch using this route only, going down the steps.</p> <p>Physio is expected to wear appropriate and adequate PPE whilst in close proximity of players.</p> <p>Players and Managers to use the dugout in accordance with COVID distancing measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrier at the bottom of steps • Area between pitch entrance and steps to be cleared of spectators • Both teams will enter the pitch from different ways but use the same gate...the Officials then the home team will go onto the pitch first to help avoid congestion • Teams will line up 1 metre plus apart • Players and Officials must wash their hands before the game • Hand shakes are not allowed • Players and Officials not to share water bottles...personalise water bottles to avoid others from using them • Warm ups exercise (see training and warm up assessment enclosed) 			

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Visiting Team and Officials



Risk	Who might be harmed?	Controls required	Additional controls required	Action by whom	Date completed	Date action reviewed / sign
Spread of Covid 19	Visiting players, associated staff / officials	<p>The away team and staff will arrive at the ground and park in the designated spaces near to the back car park door.</p> <p>They will be shown how to enter the Bracken Moor facility and given clear COVID protocol instructions.</p> <p>The away team, staff and officials will enter the building and use the away changing room. The corridor to the home changing rooms and referees room will be barriered off. Visiting Officials will use the players caged tunnel / outer staircase and observe SPSFC COVID protocol once at pitch level. Officials will not be invited into the committee room for corporate refreshments. Once the game has finished the away team will exit the ground as they came in and will not partake in drinks or food at the bar or kitchen.</p> <p>Showers can be taken by players after the game but distancing within the COVID parameters must be met.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID awareness and directional signage • Corridor barrier • Face coverings or masks 	The committee / car park steward	July 2020	

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Ball boys, Match day Stewards and Turnstile Operatives

Risk	Who might be harmed?	Controls required	Additional controls required	Action by whom	Date completed	Date action reviewed / sign
Spread of Covid 19	Ball boys	Use normal turnstile entrance to access the Stadium and report to match day control for instructions (GF)	Visit the nearest sanitiser station and wash hands. Wipe balls with appropriate disinfectant wipes at each time of retrieval them during the game, warm ups and half time. Wipe down posts after 25minutes has elapsed each half.	The committee	July 2020	
	Turnstile Operators	Arrive using the main entrance and access the turnstile. Wipe down surfaces and high touch points upon arrival.	Wear dispensable gloves when touching others and money and do not touch your face. Wear a mask or face covering to reduce the risk. Paypal or contactless payment system to be considered by the club. Erect perspex screens to minimise transmission.			
	Stewards	Arrive using normal main entrance route of entry and seek match day instructions from the control room (GF)	Wash hands...wear a face covering for person to person conversation. Familiarise with SPS COVID instructions to ensure safety of spectators			

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Spectators, PA, Fundraisers and Committee Room

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Risk	Who might be harmed?	Controls required	Additional controls required	Action by whom	Date completed	Date action reviewed / sign
Spread of Covid 19	Spectators	Spectators must adhere to current government COVID distancing guidelines once they enter the Stadium and avoid congestion and likely congested areas. Also SPSSC internal Stadium controls must be followed	COVID two metre distance floor markings to be implemented outside the Tunsiles. COVID signage strategically placed to inform and instruct all Stadium users. Stand seating restrictions in place.	The committee	July 2020	
	Fundraisers	Raffle ticket and program sellers to wear both dispensable gloves and face coverings whilst out and about the Stadium	Contactless payment system would minimise transmission of the virus and should be considered by the Club.	The committee	July 2020	
	Committee Room	To be COVID controlled with only designated Club personnel going in.	Pre game and Half - Time corporate refreshments not allowed. No drinks nor sandwiches to club personnel. Clean all surfaces and high touch areas before use.	The committee	July 2020	
	Public Address / Media	Announcer to observe distancing rules. Only one person to be in the box at any one time.	Use Anti-viral wipes for all surfaces and high touch points before and after use.	The committee	July 2020	

