Covid Risk Assesment

RETURN TO FOOTBALL RISK ASSESSMENT
SLIMBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Slimbridge Football Club Return To Competitive Football

This document is for all Volunteers, Players, Officials and Spectators to prepare for the return of football at Thornhill Park.

As per FA Guidance on Monday, 29th March 2021 regarding grassroots football, the following applies to Thornhill Park.

All Clubs must appoint a COVID-19 Officer, this Officer must constantly check FA guidelines AND ENSURE that all updated information is COMMUNICATED to all Volunteers, Players, Officials and Spectators (when allowed).

Slimbridge Football Club have taken all these directives and risk assessed each one to provide a policy that meets the criteria as set out by the F.A. Most are mandatory and if not, are advisory to ensure complete safety of all persons concerned.

It is imperative that this document is read by anyone attending Thornhill Park and will encompass all of matchday football and events concordat.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

As we are all aware, COVID-19 is highly infectious. We can only return to football if we all play our part and ensure that we have a completely safe environment, as far as it is possible. We need to minimise infection and approach everything with the utmost caution and care.

We are all responsible for our own personal health and we at Thornhill Park will do our utmost to make sure everyone is as safe as we can. If you experience any symptoms, please stay at home and seek medical advice. This applies to everyone that attends, I.e. Volunteers, Players, Officials and Spectators.

Guidance is changing all the time, so please keep updated and also ensure you wash your hands regularly, before, during and after any game or event. There is plenty of hand wash and hand sanitiser at Thornhill Park.

Please also practise social distancing at all times as best as you possibly can. Each individual will be requested to sign in and give your details or use the NHS QR code that will be clearly on display as you enter the ground. These details are required so that if there was an outbreak of COVID19, we can contact everyone in attendance. These details will be destroyed after 21 days in line with Government Guidelines.

Be aware of other people at all times when using any of the club facilities.

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TRAVEL
Please follow best practice when travelling.

If you do have to travel with someone else, make sure you always travel with the same person. Open windows and don't face to face. If it's a home game, if you can, try and walk or cycle. Ensure car and minibus is cleaned before and after travel. Wear masks.

STADIUM
When you arrive at Thornhill Park, you will be requested to follow all respect our guidelines, signage will be in place. Outside Toilets will be available for use and shall have a one-in, one-out policy. Please always follow good hygiene.

On arrival wash hands and use hand sanitiser. Do the same on departure. Players, Match Officials and Coaches are advised to arrive already changed and showered where possible.

Changing Rooms will be available for limited use (toilets and changing prior to and after the game) the showers will not be available.

There will no hospitality at the present time.

When allowed, Spectators must respect good hygiene practice and social distancing. There is plenty of room when watching football at Thornhill Park to ensure this.

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During matches, NO PRE-MATCH HANDSHAKES. Wash hands, sanitise before any match. No team talk huddles, only carry out team talks socially distanced, together with warm ups/cool downs. Do not spit. Do not shout in other Players faces.

All Officials and Players must always social distance on touch lines, dug outs etc. Goal posts and balls should be wiped before, at half time and after all matches. No Goal celebration. No sharing of water bottles. It is advisable to bring your own water bottles. No equipment to be shared.

Washing of kit must be carried out very carefully, please wash and sanitise hands regularly.

Thornhill Park Clubhouse and outside food kiosk will both be closed for the duration of all activities.

Slimbridge Football Club is depending on you all to follow our guidelines and help us make the transition back to football as safely as we can. This is serious and we all have to play our part.

We will keep this document updated as and when the government guidelines change.

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COVID-19 Officers