

Ackworth Juniors FC

Football Activities Risk Assessment

Name of Risk Assessor: Graham Ambler (Club Secretary)

Date of Assessment: 14th April 2023

Assessment Review Date: 14th April 2025

Identify the Activity and Persons at Risk

Describe the work activity:
Junior football training sessions and matches

Who might be harmed?

Club staff, officials, players, and spectators. Potential for vulnerable groups such as children and people with disabilities to be affected

Frequency of activity:

Training sessions and matches are undertaken weekly

This risk assessment is for foreseeable risk during football activities undertaken by Ackworth Juniors FC and is required to be undertaken to comply with the Ackworth Juniors FC Health and Safety Policy and FA guidance

Hazard Identification	Risk Assessment			Identify Existing Controls		Action Plan		
Hazard or Potentially Hazardous Situation	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Existing Controls	Adequate	Additional Control Measures	By Whom	Action Date
Slip, trip or fall in and around the venue in use	Possible	Slight	Low	Pre-activities inspections and actions taken to remove slip, trip and fall hazards; Those that cannot be removed must have suitable warning/protection systems in place e.g. using cones or barriers, safety brief.	Yes	Complete Incident Reporting Form for club; Reporting defects/poor conditions to Parish/School as required for correction	Coaches/ Club Committee	N/A

Slip, trip or fall on the playing surface	Possible	Slight	Low	Pre-activity, and during, inspections of the playing surface; Removal of foreign objects e.g. litter; Removal of any animal waste; Removal of any lumps/bumps; Holes suitably filled in; Cancellations of activities for frozen/hard surface, waterlogged pitch, long grass, lumps/bumps that cannot be removed, holes that cannot be filled in.	Yes	Referees/coaches to check the state of pitch prior to and during any match; Complete Incident Reporting Form for club; Reporting defects/poor conditions to Parish/School as required for correction.	Referees/ coaches/ Club Committee	N/A
Goalposts: (Temporary and permanent) falling/collapsing	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Goalposts checked prior to use; Damaged parts not used, repaired or replaced; Suitable anchors in place.	Yes	FA goalpost safety advice used (covered in coaching course and available to coaches to read).	Referees/ coaches	N/A
Movement of equipment: manual handling	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Appropriate lifting and handling of equipment when setting up and ensuring enough help when moving heavy or 'awkward' equipment.	Yes	Reduce load; Reduce travel distance; Trolleys provided.	Coaches	N/A
Footwear: inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) sharp studs	Possible	Slight	Low	Coaches/referees to check footwear for sharp studs before activities; Shin pads must be worn by all players.	Yes	Children to wear footwear appropriate for the surface they are playing on, and to check their studs regularly.	Parents/ guardians	N/A
Poor player conduct: Verbal abuse/ dissent; Physical abuse	Possible	Slight	Low	Coach/referee/parent/guardian to control as required; The referee/coach can caution or send off players in breach of FA laws of the game.	Yes	Players 'sign up' to the FA Code of Conduct on introduction to club; Report to parent/guardian; Report to League and FA; Exclusion from activities/team/club.	Players	N/A

Conduct of parents/guardians/coach: Verbal abuse/dissent; Physical abuse	Possible	Slight	Low	Coach/referee to control; Spectator areas are marked by respect barriers; The referee/coach can caution or send off spectators/coaches in breach of FA laws of the game	Yes	Parents/guardians 'sign up' to the FA Code of Conduct on introduction to club; Report to League and FA; Report to Police for serious event; Exclusion from activities/team/club.	All	N/A
Physical injuries from normal play	Possible	Slight	Low	Players must warm up and cool down properly before activities; Each team coach has access to an adequately stocked first aid kit; All coaches to have a relevant and up to date first aid qualification; Players with injuries or medical complaints should let these be known to their manager; Players must wear shin pads.	Yes	Coverage by club injury insurance; Player medical conditions disclosed on introduction to the club and reviewed annually.	N/A	N/A
Dehydration/exhaustion	Possible	Slight	Low	Water bottles; Breaks as required.	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Car park vehicle incident and resulting injury or damage to property or vehicle	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Car park managed by coaches or responsible person as required; Instructions sent to visiting teams; Emergency access route and reserved parking spaces marked by cones and managed by coaches or responsible person; No history of past incidents.	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fall from height: (Children climbing on goal posts or surrounding trees)	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Supervision of children; Safety brief.	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A

Dangers to children	Unlikely	Very Severe	Medium	Club/team child Welfare Officer in place; Expectation that under12's are with a responsible adult; All coaches undertaken Safeguarding course and appropriate security check; No club history of incidents.	Yes	FA Child Welfare Officer; Incident reporting procedures in place.	All	N/A
Medical emergency	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Qualified first Aiders present; Telephone for emergencies available; Register of children on site; Medical details known; First Aid kits available.	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Extreme weather: Hot/Cold/Wet; Sunstroke/burn; Hyperthermia	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Ensure all children have suitable clothing for all weather types e.g. sunscreen for hot weather and plenty of refreshments, warm/waterproof clothing in cold/wet conditions; Breaks to be taken in extreme conditions.	Yes	Activity cancelations; Change of clothing.	All	N/A

ACKWORTH JUNIORS FC RISK ANALYSIS MATRIX

Use the risk matrix to classify the perceived risk levels and prioritise the action plan

INJURY POTENTIAL SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD				
	Very Unlikely (freak event)	Unlikely (unlikely sequence of events)	Possible (foreseeable under unusual circumstances)	Likely (easily foreseeable)	Very Likely (common occurrence)
Negligible (no injury/no disturbance)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Slight (first aid injury, or minor disturbance)	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Moderate (medical treatment injury, or significant disturbance)	Low	Low	Medium	High	High
Severe (injury resulting in lost time, or large disturbance)	Low	Medium	High	High	High
Very Severe (long term disability or fatality, or major disturbance)	Low	Medium	High	High	High