



WAKEFIELD AFC COVID-19 POLICY

1. GENERAL

Wakefield AFC has both personal accident and liability insurances through Sportsguard Insurance, covering the club for football activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.2 The club's named COVID-19 Officer is Daniel Gardiner, who has access to a COVID-19 response kit should an attendee become symptomatic.

1.3 USEFUL INFORMATION RELATING TO COVID

The CDC (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) provides information on how to wash your hands, both with soap and water and hand gel, link [here](#);

Government guidelines on handwashing.

See the FA First Aid guidance for infographics on hand washing and hand rubbing. Follow Public Health England guidance for cleaning in non-healthcare settings and if a Covid-19 case is reported at the facility [here](#);

1.4 Anyone attending a Wakefield AFC session must sign in using the club's register when entering to help manage "NHS track and trace".
NO REGISTRATION, NO ENTRY!

1.5 Before attending any Wakefield AFC session, attendees must self-screen prior to arrival using the below check.
If you check positive for any symptom **YOU MUST NOT ATTEND!**



Each participant should self-screen prior to arrival at training to ensure they do not have any of the following symptoms (confirmed by a parent for those under age 18), as these are potential indicators of Covid-19 infection.	Check negative	Check positive
A high temperature (above 37.8°C) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Some clubs may include on-site temperature checking of participants as part of their SOP, this is more relevant to clubs who employ medical staff.		
A new continuous cough.		
Shortness of breath.		
A sore throat.		
Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell.		
Feeling generally unwell.		
Been in close contact with/living with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous two weeks.		

2. PLAYERS AND PARENTS/CARERS OF PLAYERS 15yrs AND UNDER

2.1 Parents should ensure that their child has their own water bottle, hand sanitiser, sun cream and any necessary medication (e.g. inhaler). All items belonging to their child should be labelled with their name and should not be used by anyone else. If a child has any specific medical conditions, parents must ensure the coach is made aware of this and any support needs, for example, parents staying to watch nearby, taking responsibility to administer the medication. (etc)

2.2 The period of isolation may have caused some children to become anxious or unsure about resuming activity. Wakefield AFC will only support their return to football when they and their parents/carers feel confident for them to do so. Parents are encouraged to contact us if their child has anxiety or unsure about returning to football and we will make gradual introductions if needed, particularly when needing to incorporate new protective measures.



2.3 Coaches at the club will check that each participant has completed the self-screen check list before attending and if the self-screen checks were negative for all participants. Ensuring everyone understands the importance of this simple process being completed before travelling is essential to avoid potential transmission. If a participant says they forgot to self-check before their arrival, then the coach will ask them the health check questions before they join any group at the facility. If participants answer 'yes' to one or more of the questions, participants must not take part in the activity and should safely return home.

2.4 Adults and children should only travel with a member of their household or someone within their 'support bubble'. Please note that separated parents, living in different households and those in 'support bubbles' announced by Government on 10 June 2020, can also car share.

2.5 Participants should arrive changed and ready for any session and leave immediately after the session. No changing facilities will be available on site.

2.6 Players should arrive in the staggered time slots given by the club.

2.7 Upon arrival, all parents who bring their children to a session are encouraged to stay in their own cars, or in separate social distancing gatherings of up to six people, whilst maintaining good hygiene practices such as sanitising hands following government guidelines.

2.8 Spitting should be avoided by both players and spectators.

2.9 All parents of players aged 15 years and under must sign a consent form for them, confirming that they have read, understood, and agree with the measures the club has put into place to manage any risks. A copy of the club's risk assessments will be made available.



3. EQUIPMENT

3.1 Before each session equipment, such as balls, cones and goal posts, will be cleaned thoroughly by the club regularly throughout and at the end of a session.

3.2 Sharing of equipment will be minimised by being handled as little as possible and by as few people as possible.

3.3 If participants are going to share equipment hands must be cleansed using alcohol-based hand gel if clean running water and soap are not available.

3.4 Any playing kits provided by the club will be taken home by the participant to be washed.

4. VENUE/FACILITIES

4.1 Wakefield AFC encourages attendees to choose socially distant forms of transport (walking/cycling). All other forms of transport should be considered before using public transport. Follow government guidelines on masks.

4.2 Upon arrival at the session, players should sanitise their hands using the sanitiser station provided by the club.

4.3 A one-way system operation is in place to avoid congestion and unnecessary contact at access and exit points clearly identified by signage.

4.4 Wakefield AFC will display signage to direct the flow of people to assist social distancing and ground markings and to remind people of social distancing measures in place.



4.5 Toilets will be open and accessible, with a one in one out policy and users should wash their hands with soap and water provided on entry and exit, and use paper towels provided for drying hands.

4.6 Spitting and loud shouting should be avoided.

4.7 The club is enforcing a complete ban on chewing gum.

4.8 Should a player become symptomatic at a session, they should make a club official aware and safely leave the session as soon as possible, avoiding any unnecessary contact. We recommend they then refer to and follow government guidance.