


SKIPTON WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB RISK ASSESSMENT

Developed	06/03/2018	C McGrath Facilitator & Qualified WFA Cub Referee of Skipton WFC	Sandylands Sports Center, Skipton	Reviewed by Mr Daile Coope, Sports Centre Manager
Reviewed	01/02/2019	C McGrath, 03/03/2020 C McGrath	21/02/2021 C McGrath	

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	By who? Chris McGrath (Facilitator)	By when?	Status
Trips, slips and falls	<p>Players can be injured by tripping, slipping, falling on, for example: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tripping over objects, such as dividing nets, dividing net weights, goals, foreign objects such as used sock tape, etc. • Loose pitch surface • Uneven pitch / ground • Pitch wet surface (and changing rooms) • Loose goal nets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandylands Sports Centre safety field visit survey completed for venue • General good housekeeping by staff. • Venue is well lit, including access • Flooring routinely inspected and any loose pitch surface fixed promptly by staff. • Car park surface is in good repair. • Facilitator ensures that changing rooms or toilets are accessible and appropriate for players to change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make all footballers aware of slip, trip, fall risks by facilitator at initial opening session and as new players join. • Inspect pitch and playing surface for hazards. • Check for wet floor caution signs are available. • Players are made aware, via registration process, to bring appropriate kit (e.g. shin-pads, suitable footwear etc.) • Players are aware that it is their responsibility to attend with appropriate equipment. • Players are aware to bring water and/or refreshments. 	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>	25 th & 26 th March and ongoing	Open and Ongoing
Hit by kicking during play	Injuries can be sustained by players kicking other players during playing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFA rules require shin pads to be worn 	Facilitator to inform players during first session / introduction process to wear shin pads and to play safely.	Done	25 th & 26 th March and ongoing	Open & Ongoing
Lack of First Aid kit 	Injured Person - Sustained injuries should be reported and dealt with, cleaned and dressed as soon as possible, to prevent further infection etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandylands Sports Centre has qualified first aid staff and equipment* including Automated External Defibrillator (AED). • Facilitator has own club 1st aid kit* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator to check staffs qualifications and that equipment is in date. • Facilitator checks own kit • Carryout first aid exercise to test response procedure and familiarize players 	<p>Done – Sandylands Manager confirms by email 19th March</p> <p>2 x exercises completed 8,9th April 2018</p> <p>Done</p>	19 th March 2018	Open and Ongoing
Threat of violence	Players and/or officials may suffer stress and/or injury from assaults, threats and abuse from other players, such as from a result of disagreement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players, officials are to consider how to communicate appropriate feedback, especially where the feedback is negative. Feedback better given via 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request players read WFA rules after 1st session and ongoing. • Include in Club Rules and Safeguarding Policy 	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open & Ongoing

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		<p>email or writing, rather than immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator are expected to report all incidents of abuse or confrontation etc to the Walking Football FA . All incidents are recorded. Incidents are reported to police if necessary. 					
Fire in Sports Centre	Players, visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandylands Sports Centre has own fire detection, protection equipment, trained staff and procedures in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include reporting and response actions for players as part of 1st session admin introduction. 	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open & Ongoing	
Hit / cut by jewelry	Players hands / arms may make contact with other players causing an injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFA rules require all exposed jewellery to be removed or covered with tape etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform all players during 1st session and also to read the WFA rules. Include in club rules 	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open & Ongoing	
Health condition during play i.e. over exhaustion , chest, heart pains and dehydration	<p>Players may suffer a health condition during cardiovascular exercise.</p> <p>May become over exhausted, chest , heart pains.</p> <p>Dehydration due to lack of fluids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All players to complete Registration and Health declaration forms which inform the club of any pre existing condition, medication. Players will be asked during admin pre warm up session at 1st session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to inform facilitator of any health conditions. bring water bottle to sessions Facilitator to have first aid kit *and spare water bottle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to review registration and health declaration forms for familiarization of any pre or existing conditions and obtain advice from health promotions officer if needed. Carryout 2 first aid exercise in April to test response and reporting procedures. 	Ongoing	Completed	Open & Ongoing Done	
Hit by ball during play	Potential head and body injury after being hit by a ball (excessive force)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFA rules require ball should not go above head height No heading of ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator to remind players that play should be carried out safely and that is more of a fun activity compared with being too competitive. 	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open & Ongoing	
Theft of personal items	Theft of items from changing rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No lockers. Changing room door locks and key can be obtained from pitch reception – Facilitator to keep key for duration of session so belongings in changing room are secure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind all players during 1st session that changing rooms are locked with key kept by Facilitator if access is required. Players can bring bags to the side of pitch away from playing area so not to cause a trip hazard. 	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open & Ongoing	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All players to be vigilant. 			
Health effects from pitch surface	Contact with crumb rubber pitch particles – toxic risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FA statement: http://www.thefa.com/news/2016/Feb/18/statement-3g-pitches-180216 numerous scientific studies conducted by government agencies around the world, and undertaken by independent experts, have all validated the human health and environmental safety of 3G pitches and crumb rubber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm with Sandylands Sports centre of any health risks – Done Mr D Coope confirms no evidence , no history of any health risks from contact with surface. 	Done	Done	Done