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Thanks for completing your 2020/21 Cheshire FA Affiliation.

As a member of the Cheshire footballing community, you are one of 62,500 players, 550 Clubs, 28 Leagues and 750 referees.

What we share is our love of the game.

And we can't wait for it to re-start.

RE - STARTING OUTDOOR COMPETITIVE GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL – SUMMARY COVID-19 GUIDANCE

This guidance must be READ in addition to The FA's general Covid-19 Guidance on restarting outdoor competitive grassroots football, found [here](#). Please remember: Referees should only return to football when it's right for them to do so. There is no pressure to return and there will be no consequence or judgement for not returning. Everyone's health, wellbeing and safety are the priorities. **Under-18 referees should refer to guidance [here](#).**

BEFORE THE MATCH	DURING THE MATCH	AFTER THE MATCH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All referees should complete a self-assessment for symptoms of Covid-19 before travelling to their match. If any symptoms are noted, you must self-isolate in the week current. UK Government guidance. • Social distancing is, per current Government guidance should be maintained at all times, where possible. • Face coverings should be worn pre-warm up and post-match. • Referees are asked to arrive in match kit as changing rooms may not be available. • Toilets should be available pre-match and for 20 minutes after full time. • Cashless payment of match fees is recommended. Referees should agree with the paying club on WAC or electronic payments where possible. • Referees must clean sanitise referee flags before and after use, or advise clubs to use their own flags. • Referees should complete pitch and player inspections visually and at a safe distance. • The exchange/collection of paperwork (e.g. team sheets) should be done at a distance, with minimal contact. • The respect handshake must not take place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Laws of the Game and their practical application, including the decision-making principles, remain unchanged. • At the coin toss, the referee and both captains should maintain one-metre plus social distance. The referee should toss and catch the coin, not either captain. • 'One metre plus' social distancing should be observed when referees are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Speaking to players in play or during stoppages; – Interactions between referees and assistant referees; – Issuing misconduct (yellow/red) cards; – Assessing injured players; – Managing the substitution procedure. • Referees should avoid spitting, as well as reminding the players of the same responsibility. However, spitting is not an act of misconduct, unless it is someone. • If possible, referees and players should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other. • Referees are encouraged to re-start the game as quickly as possible, specifically at stoppages for corner kicks, free kicks etc., when there are other large gatherings of players. <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 5px;">If referees feel there are matchday breaches of The FA's Covid-19 Guidance on re-starting outdoor competitive grassroots football, even if they are not a discipline matter, these must still be reported to the competition and County FA. Referees are not responsible for clubs, players or spectators complying with The FA guidance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-match handshakes must not take place. • If flags are used by assistant referees, the referee should clean them at the first opportunity. • If cash payment for match fees is agreed, this should be done with minimal contact and in an envelope. • Post-match hospitality may be offered in accordance with the latest Government guidance for bars and restaurants. • Changing rooms and showers may not be available, even in adverse weather conditions.

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THANK YOU! NOW LET'S GET OUR GREAT GAME GOING AGAIN – SAFELY.

The simple normality of sharing a pitch with our team-mates will soon be upon us. I'm surrounded by colleagues at Cheshire FA who share your passion, your enthusiasm and your dedication.

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FOR CLUBS, PLAYERS, COACHES, CLUB OFFICIALS, CLUB WELFARE OFFICERS, MATCH OFFICIALS, LEAGUE OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS/CARERS SPECTATORS AND FOOTBALL FACILITY PROVIDERS – Published: 18 July 2020

This document outlines actions to be taken before, during and after all competitive grassroots football activity in England. It should be read in conjunction with the latest UK Government Covid-19 guidance available [here](#) and the more detailed guidance documents produced by The FA, available [here](#). In outdoor competitive training and matches, physical contact is now allowed, but for all other activity (e.g. warm-ups/cooldowns) the Government guidance on social distancing should be observed, read [here](#). Should Government guidance change in response to the current Covid-19 Alert Level, The FA guidance will be updated accordingly.

BEFORE ACTIVITY	DURING TRAINING & MATCH PLAY	AFTER ACTIVITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone should self-assess for Covid-19 symptoms before every training session or match. If you are symptomatic or think it is possible you have or suspect you have Covid-19 infection you must not participate or attend. You should stay home and follow the latest Government guidance. • Club/facility providers should appoint a Covid-19 officer and conduct a thorough risk assessment before opening or starting competitive activity. They should also follow current NHS test and trace protocols, such as wearing an attendance register. • Personal hygiene measures should be carried out by everyone and hand sanitiser brought and used at the training/match venue. • The sharing of kit and equipment should be avoided, but where equipment is shared, it must be cleaned before use by another person. • Goal posts and corner poles should be wiped down before matches, after matches and at half-time. • Follow Government guidance for travel, including minimising use of public transport. • Active participants should arrive changed and ready to take part. • Youth team coaches should be aware themselves with all safeguarding policies and procedures. • Meet and times should be adjusted to avoid time spent congregating at a venue. • Use of clubhouses, hospitality facilities, changing rooms and toilets must adhere to Government guidance. • Anyone who is deemed vulnerable in respect of Covid-19 is reminded to follow the Government's guidance, only returning to football when it's right for them to do so. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive training can take place for all participants, in an outdoor setting provided this takes place in groups of no more than 30 (including coaches). • Competitive match play is permitted, with social distancing in place before and after the session, and in any breaks in play. • The sharing of kit and equipment should be avoided and participants should bring their own drinks or refreshments, in named containers. • When the ball goes out of play, it should not be retrieved by non-participants and should be retrieved using the feet rather than the hands, where possible. • Participants must not spit and should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other, as detailed in The FA Covid-19 Code of Behaviour. • Set play: players are encouraged to avoid unnecessarily long set-ups or close marking. Other modifications apply to specific situations, such as goal celebrations being discouraged. Read more in The FA's more detailed guidance here. • Youth football coaches are encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of participants during match play and training. • Observing rigorous hygiene standards. Injuries can be treated. See full guidance here. • Spectator groups should be limited to six people per group and spread out in line with wider Government guidance. • Match fee payments should be cashless – consider using The FA Matchday App. • Small-sided football should include more regular hygiene breaks in activity and players discouraged from touching or tackling against boards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands should be washed at the earliest opportunity and personal equipment should be wiped down with disinfectant. • Unless absolutely necessary, participants should take their kit home and wash it themselves, or by family members. Post-activity showers should be taken at home. • Everyone must continue to maintain social distancing including any facilities where groups of people congregate (e.g. clubhouses). • Everyone should leave following the traffic flow system the club or facility provider has put in place. • Anyone who becomes infected after training/matches should report this to the NHS test and trace system.

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So lets make 2020/21 a season to remember, for everyone.

MIKE WATSON, CEO



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Thank you for continuing to grow the game,
Have a great season!

