



HPF YFC – Friendly & Competitive Matches Safety Briefing

(TO BE READ TO THE REF AND BOTH SETS OF COACHES AND PLAYERS BEFORE KICK OFF)

Covid is a highly infectious and dangerous disease and thus must be treated with respect. We can only return to playing competitive football if everyone involved follows the procedures put in place to achieve a controlled environment. This will help us minimise the threat of infection.

Risk in sport cannot be completely eradicated but with caution and care these risks can be reduced.

All those players returning to grassroots football must adopt the following codes of behaviour expected by The Club, Durham FA and the Government.

- No shouting in each others faces as it could increase the risk of infection.
- No spitting as this is proven to be a risk to health.
- Try not to celebrate goals (no matter how hard).
- Parents - if retrieving football do it with feet only – do not touch it.
- Coaches will ensure players have their hands sanitised at half time.
- The goals and football will be sanitised at half time (coaches need to identify someone to do this on their behalf, poss their team covid person?)
- At half time coaches need to ensure their players maintain distancing.
- Free kicks & corners – are to be taken quickly to allow defensive walls / marking to be made and dispersed asap.
- Tackling is acceptable during the game but proper distancing should be maintained where possible.
- After the game ensure players hands are sanitised and that players are aware their kit should be taken home and washed asap.
- Coach / covid rep to ensure the track and trace register has been completed by everyone that has been on site.