



## COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR AWAY TEAMS

This document has been prepared to provide Away Teams, who will be playing fixtures against Warsash Wasps SFC teams at either of their dedicated facilities, guidance as to the key COVID-19 measures in effect.

This guidance has been reviewed and updated following the latest guidance issued by The FA on 24-03-2021.

It is a sub-set of all of the measures within the WWSFC COVID-19 Risk Assessment, which can be found and read in full on the WWSFC website (<https://www.warsashwasps.co.uk/covid-19/>).

Warsash Wasps SFC operates two dedicated facilities: 1) WWSFC New Road Site (covering the 3G pitch, and the main grass pitch), 2) Osborne Road Recreational Pitch. This guidance is assumed to cover both facilities in equal manner unless there are any site-specific measures (which will be identified separately).

#	Topic	COVID-19 Measures
1	Match Confirmation	When the match is confirmed by the WWSFC manager/representative all details, including access to the WWSFC COVID guidance should be provided to away teams.
2	Pre-Arrival Health Checks	All visitors involved WWSFC fixtures are requested to undertake a Self-declaration pre-arrival health check. Anyone exhibiting COVID symptoms, or having recently been in contact with a diagnosed case of COVID, is politely expected to stay away from the fixture and the WWSFC facilities.
3	COVID Briefing	The FA guidance suggests that a briefing should be provided to all players, coaches and officials before the start of the game by the club COVID Officer. Practically, with over 20 squads at WWSFC, this is impossible and so this document and the measures advised within are to be taken as the COVID briefing. <b>Away managers are specifically requested</b> to share this with all players, spectators and coaches who will be attending the away fixture with WWSFC.
4	Spectators	In line with the latest guidance, no spectators are allowed to attend WWSFC fixtures. As a safeguarding measure, a maximum of one parent/guardian per youth player may be in attendance at youth fixtures.
5	Site Arrival	WWSFC measures come into effect from the moment visitors arrive on site and must be adhered to at all times until leaving the site.
6	Social Distancing	Like most grassroots football clubs, WWSFC facilities are outside and therefore benefit from plenty of open space and fresh air. As an added precaution all visitors are requested to observe social distancing at all times on WWSFC sites. In particular spectators are asked not to crowd together, and players/coaches are reminded to maintain distances when not under match play conditions.

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7	Hand Sanitisation	Hand sanitiser will be provided at WWSFC sites, to assist good hygiene all visitors are asked to also bring their own hand sanitisers and use them at regular intervals throughout their visit, especially when they make contact with any surfaces.
8	Changing Rooms & Buildings	In accordance with FA guidance all changing rooms will be locked and unavailable to teams on match day. With the exception of toilet access, all other buildings and rooms are to remain locked at all times during WWSFC fixtures.
9	Toilets	To minimise contact points and transmission risks a single toilet may be made available for use at WWSFC fixtures, this is at the discretion of the home manager and will be based on the ability to arrange cleaning and checking. The WWSFC Toilets are deep cleaned regularly to minimise COVID transmission and are to be dis-infected (using the provided sprays and cleaners) when opened and closed by the home team, and then again after each use by any users.
10	Track and Trace	Track and Trace is a very important feature of the WWSFC COVID measures. Each home team manager is required to capture the details of each person visiting this site for football purposes on the WWSFC Match Day Checklist Form. (Osborne Road is a public recreation space which will likely have members of the public present for non-football reasons, T&T for these individuals is not expected). The home team manager may arrange for a COVID Helper to take care of these records.
11	First Aid	In accordance with FA guidance, first aid should only be administered by qualified first aiders wearing the appropriate PPE (gloves, face masks, aprons, etc). A record of all First Aid administered should be recorded on the WWSFC Track and Trace Checklist.
12	Equipment Cleaning	All match day equipment provided by WWSFC will be sanitised and cleaned prior to use, this includes match balls, goal posts, dug out seating, corner flags, etc.
13	Pre-Match Handshakes	In accordance with FA guidance, no pre-match handshakes are allowed
14	Pre-Match Player ID Checks	It is WWSFC preference that any pre-match player ID checks are performed by sharing player lists digitally with the match confirmation details which can then be printed by the home/away team and used on the day without the need for handing over of forms or cards.
15	Spitting/Shouting/Celebrating	Away managers are requested to remind their players that the following should be minimised as much as possible to reduce transmission risk: Spitting, Excessive shouting (especially in close proximity to other players), goal celebrations.
16	Site Exit and Departure	All visitors are requested to depart the site as soon as possible after the fixture has completed. It is important to ensure that all waste/litter is disposed of or taken home, that all property is taken with visitors and that exit is in an orderly and socially distant manner.

**Thank you in advance for helping to keep our facilities COVID secure, and for enabling grassroots football to take place.**

*Warsash Wasps Committee*