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COVID 19 Risk Assessment & Guidance

SAFER RETURN TO TRAINING PROTOCOL

Risk Assessment

Advice and guidance from Government and the Football Association of Ireland has required all clubs to conduct a risk assessment for COVID-19.

The risk assessment must be carried out by a competent person in order to identify the hazards and quantify the risks of these hazards exposing people to the virus.

Hazards and risks cannot be eliminated and therefore must be controlled.

The control measures must be either physical or procedural and must be communicated to those who will work with, or otherwise come into contact with the hazards.

In undertaking risk assessments, the following approach should be adopted:

- Gather information and advice from the sporting governing body, the Football Association of Ireland
- Gather information from Government and other recognised sources
- Consider control measures appropriate to the current Government advice
- Evaluate residual risk to person(s)

The risk assessments below give both primary and residual risks.

The primary risk is the risk associated with the identified hazard assuming that the risk associated, remains completely uncontrolled.

The residual risk is the level of the remaining risk produced when proposed control measures have been applied.

The figures given may be interpreted using the risk assessment matrix below.

All club management committees shall ensure that the risk control measures are fully implemented to achieve these levels.

The columns following the residual risk data indicate where additional controls may be required or where special attention should be given.

For the avoidance of confusion - the columns of the risk rating sections are headed Likelihood, Severity.

L is for "likelihood" and is given in the first column.

S is for "severity" and is indicated in the second column.

R is for "Risk Rating" and is indicated in the third column.

Likelihood x Severity = Risk

The control measures, indicated within the assessment, are reasonably practicable to control the risks identified based on the protocol.

The findings of the risk assessment shall be communicated to those who may be exposed, or otherwise come into contact with the hazards and risks identified.

Club Managements must ensure that the control measures are implemented and managed.

An ongoing review of the assessment will take place and amended if the guidance from the governing body or Government departments is updated and suggests that the last control measures suggested are no longer sufficient to control risks, or are inappropriate, or if additional hazards are identified.

A process of continuous assessment and re-assessment will be undertaken to ensure appropriate risk controls in accordance with all Government and FAI protocols.

Matrix

Date of Assessment:		Assessed By:	
Training Venue:		Signature:	

Likelihood

1.	Extremely Unlikely.	2.	Possible but Unlikely.	3.	Conceivable.	4.	Probably will happen at some time.	5.	Almost certain to happen.
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Severity

1.	No or minimum illness.	2.	Medical Treatment.	3.	Medical treatment or isolation.	4.	Critical infection or hospitalisation.	5.	Fatality.
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Score	Risk	Action
1 → 6	LOW	Action is not required to lower the risk. Time Effort Money is proportionate to the risk.
7 → 15	MEDIUM	Action may be required to control the risk. Immediate short-term measures may be required.
16 → 25	HIGH	Action is required urgently to control the risk. Further resources are almost inevitable.

The following is an example of risk assessment...

Subject	Hazard	People at Risk	What Might Happen	Rating L x S = R			Control Measures & Further Precautions to Reduce Risk	New Rating L x S = R			Comments Action
				L	S	R		L	S	R	
Implementation of COVID-19 control measures at the training venue.	Failure to share relevant information. Failure to enforce the control measures in place. Persons not familiar with protocols.	Players Coaches.	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19. Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Clubs will review and implement the Safer Return to Training Protocols and ensure compliance.	3	5	15	COVID-19 Compliance Officer appointed.
Hand Washing Sanitising.	No running hot water or hand soap in sanitary facilities. No hand sanitiser available.	Players Coaches.	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19. Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Regular checks of sanitary facilities hand sanitiser stock. Signage erected throughout the training venue.	2	5	10	COVID-19 Compliance Officer appointed. COVID-19 signage erected throughout the training venue.

Below is the Template for use | the subjects serve only as a starting point as all clubs will have risks specific to their training venue.

