

P4S Challenge Cup Risk Assessment (including Safeguarding and Covid-19)



Identified Risk	What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	How might they be harmed?	Measures in place to control the risk and protect persons	Further actions required to minimise the risk	Risk factor
Goalposts	Permanent goalposts/Temporary goalposts	Players, Officials, Members of public	Goalposts may collapse, paint splinters caused by rust, members of the public climbing on them and falling. Fixing nets with metal cup hooks. Goalposts have a stronger possibility of collapse. Fixing nets with metal cup hooks.	Follow QUK and BSI guidelines when purchasing/using goals and do not use goals with metal cup hooks.	Referee should clear the posts safe prior to play. When they are not in use, put away and store.	Medium/High

Weather	Extreme weather conditions	Players, Officials, Members of public	Extreme weather conditions can cause a huge variety of risks, such as flooding, frost, snow.	Make sure the ground is safe to play and is inspected by the groundsman prior to games and training.	Referee and club officials should call off the fixture or training session, if extreme weather is expected.	Low/Medium Risk
Condition of the pitch	Uneven ground, presence of pot holes/objects, surrounding area.	Players, Officials, Members of the Public.	Injury sustained due to poor pitch or weather conditions. Failure to identify potential hazards or objects	The pitch should be checked by the referee prior to any training or games. The surrounding area should be checked for objects that may cause bodily injury e.g. bottles or glass.	The pitch and surrounding area should be checked before each event by the organisers/club officials.	Medium/High risk
Balls	Too hard/ damaged leather	Players, Officials, Members of the Public.	Struck with the ball at force.	The balls should be checked by Referee/Match Official/Coaches prior to games or training.	Make sure all balls are pumped to correct pressure, as per the manufacturers guidelines. When leather peels they should be destroyed.	Low risk

Footwear	Sharp studs	Players	Laceration to other players	The referee should check prior to all matches that sharp studs are not worn.	Club officials should check to make sure that studs their players are wearing appropriate footwear for the surface .Players should regularly check their studs.	Low risk
Jewellery	Loose or sharp jewellery	Players	Strangulation due to loose jewellery or lacerations to Players.	Club officials should make sure all jewellery has been removed or taped down before any match or training session can proceed.	Referee should check to make sure all jewellery is removed or taped down.	Low risk
Conduct of Players	Dangerous Play, physical violence.	Players officials, members of the public.	High aggression on the pitch can cause bodily injury to others, Violence on the pitch may spread to the public.	The club must play to the QUK rules/guidelines. The referee should caution or send off an overly aggressive player. If it is believed violence could occur the offending players	The club should train their player to tackle correctly and within the QUK rules/guidelines. The club should remove any player from the field of play if behaving in a violent or dangerous manor. Appropriate action can be taken against a club for not controlling their player.	Very high risk

				should be cautioned or sent off.	Qualified referees will be used for all games through a SGP ratified supplier.	
Injuries from normal play	Accidental bodily harm.	Players, Officials, Members of the Public.	Injuries to players is a regular occurrence and should be taken very seriously. Injuries to members of the public on the sidelines are less common however still a fairly regular occurrence.	Players should warm up and cool down correctly. If a serious injury should happen a first aid worker should be first at the scene.	If you are in any doubt about the severity of an injury and you believe it could be life threatening contact the emergency services on 999. Qualified first aid provision will be pitchside at all games.	Very high risk
Dehydration and exhaustion	Bodily injury	Players	Players may risk long term serious health problems if not dealt with in time.	P4S provide bottles of water at all times.	Players should be advised to bring additional water to games and training	High risk
Heading the ball	Damage to head of players	Players	Players may risk long term serious health	Adhere to FA age-related guidelines	Carefully select the matchballs used	Low risk

			problems if not dealt with in time.			
Public proximity to the pitch	Players colliding with the public.	Players, Officials, Members of the Public.	Players may collide with members of the club or public whilst running at speed.	Members of the public must be a minimum of 2 meters from the edge of the sidelines, further back than 3 meters is recommended at most clubs.	The referee can insist that members of the public are to move back to a distance of his/her choosing with full support from the club.	High risk
Structures and dugouts	Players and public liability.	Players, officials and members of the public.	Players may fall or crash into structures.	All dug outs to be a minimum of meters from the edge of the pitch. Structures are not to be fixed within 2 meters of the sideline.	Warn all players prior to participating that the dug out/ structure is near the pitch side.	High risk
Blood spillage	Blood loss.	Players and Officials.	Lacerations may cause excessive blood loss.	First aid professionals will be available to all players at all games.	First aid training to deal with such incidents. PE teachers are first aid trained as are P4S employees.	Medium risk

Covid-19	Players, coaches, staff members and public become ill with coronavirus	Everyone	Become ill with the virus and/or pass it on to someone else who may become ill	P4S employees will adhere to and enforce any relevant and current government guidance surrounding social distancing and general protocols.	'Fist bumping' will be encouraged instead of conventional handshakes. Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance to the pitches and all players/coaches will be asked to use it on entry.	High
Safeguarding	Children come to harm as a result of an adult or peer, or unsafe practice	All children	Children come to harm physically, emotionally, sexually or through neglect	P4S is affiliated to the Staffordshire FA. P4S has a Safeguarding policy which has been issued to all schools and is available on the P4S website. All schools have been made aware that P4S will have two fully trained Safeguarding	P4S safeguarding officers will be vigilant at all times and will speak to all spectators to verify their identity. No-one will be allowed access to the pitches without their identity being verified. P4S staff will stamp the back of spectators hands once they have been verified. P4S will challenge inappropriate behaviour and report via the appropriate means as per the P4S Safeguarding policy. All staff accompanying the players are trained PE	High

				<p>officers onsite at all times. This will also be announced at the start of the tournament and the relevant staff will be highlighted to players, coaches and spectators.</p>	<p>teachers and have undertaken mandatory safeguarding as part of their jobs.</p> <p>All P4S staff have valid DBS certificates, and referees have been sourced through the official SGP referee provider who only recruits qualified referees with up to date DBS certificates.</p> <p>No casual workers will have independent contact with children and will always be in the company of P4S staff who have a DBS certificate.</p> <p>All schools will also have a clear safeguarding protocol in place, and though P4S is not responsible for the players outside of the football tournament, P4S Safeguarding officers will remain vigilant at all times.</p> <p>P4S staff will challenge inappropriate behaviour towards players and referees and will liaise with school staff</p>	
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