

2020/21 FOOTBALL SEASON COVID PROTOCOLS AT DSG

The Southwark Community Sports Trust welcomes you to the 2020/21 league season for recreational football. We will be opening our grounds for competitive games from Saturday 19th September.

The Trust has been using its facilities for cricket and football training since the national lockdown was eased in July 2020. We are anxious that we build upon the established protocols and hygiene arrangements that we have put in place. The threat of COVID-19 is a real issue and we will treat any breaches of our codes of conduct, facilities protocols and ground management very seriously.

At all times we expect players, officials and visitors to comply with social distancing and to follow guidance on the use of facilities provided by the Trust.

The Trust provides pitches for clubs to play matches and as such we expect all games to be managed by clubs following [FA guidelines](#). We expect that anyone watching games also to comply with social distancing, the league rules or the management arrangements of the host club.

The Trust expects players to arrive changed as we will not be providing dressing room facilities. There are no post-match showers. There are toilet facilities with appropriate hygiene arrangements as well as disinfectant gels in the bar area.

The Club Pavilion bar will be open at weekends from lunchtime or by arrangement. There is an internal capacity of 44 people and the veranda can accommodate another 28 people there is also additional seating in front of the pavilion. There is a one-way system in place for ordering drinks. We have temporarily stopped shared meals for clubs but individual hot snacks and meals can be ordered. We ask all customers to respect the requests of bar staff regarding social distancing.

We will ask all host clubs to manage their numbers and social distancing. In good weather, players and visitors may wish to drink outside at tables in groups of no more than six and we ask all users to assist with safe disposal of rubbish and plastic glasses.

TRACK AND TRACE

We also ask all users of the bar to help support track and trace and to scan the QR code outside or go on to the Trust's website and complete the Test and Trace contact form which can be found here <https://www.dulwichsportsground.com/covid-19.html>.

If the bar is too full, then the bar staff will be instructed to close the bar.

Each host club shall keep a list of contact details for all their players, visitors and officials. These will be used in conjunction with NHS England in the event of a notifiable event for the purposes of tracking and tracing. This is a key requirement and will be randomly checked by Trust officials.

The Trust has decided to seek to control numbers of people on the ground through carefully managed and staggered kick off times, managed use of the car park and careful use of the ground and facilities. Clubs and their members will be expected to abide by the ground use regulations. Any breach may result in loss of access.

The car park will be opened only in a controlled manner, as the Trust do not wish to encourage large numbers of people to be in the ground. Players and visitors are requested where possible to cycle or walk. Cars may be parked in the local streets – Rosendale Road and Gallery Road often have places to park. We are aware that Turney Road is a residential area and we ask our visitors to respect the needs of our neighbours.

The car park will be open from 12 noon on Saturday afternoons and will be opened and managed by volunteers from Dulwich Village FC on Sunday mornings. We ask all users to respect the efforts and requests of our volunteers.

The Southwark Sports Trust will expect each host club to supply a protocol and risk assessment to the Trust before a booking is confirmed. A copy of the South Bank CUACO FC risk assessment is available on request and their track and trace and COVID online self- assessment form can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2DQct6X> In addition, the South Bank CUACO FC code of behaviour for COVID is here <http://www.southbankcuaco.co.uk/covid-code-of-behaviour/> We suggest these as examples of good practice. The Trust understands that local leagues may provide additional guidance to clubs and grounds. We anticipate that some leagues and clubs may limit spectators for junior games.

In line with national guidance we expect that everyone should self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms before every training session or match. If you are symptomatic or living in a household with possible or actual COVID-19 infection you must not participate or attend.

The Founder member clubs of the Trust have highlighted the following summary of FA guidelines:

- Social distancing should be used at all times before and after the match, and in any breaks in play and these be limited to groups of six.
- Players and officials should sanitise hands before and after a game as well as scheduled breaks throughout a game or training session
- Ball handling should be kept to a minimum with most contact via a boot and the ball should be disinfected in breaks of play
- Youth football coaches are encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of participants during match play and training. Goal celebrations should be avoided
- Equipment should not be shared. Goalkeepers should ensure they disinfect their gloves regularly in breaks in training or matches and thoroughly afterwards. Where possible, coaches should be the only participants to handle equipment in

training

- Participants should follow best practice for travel including walking or cycling if possible. Only people from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle
- Clubs must keep a record of attendees at a match or training session, including contact details, to support NHS Test and Trace.