



COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR HOME FIXTURES

This document has been prepared to provide Warsash Managers playing home fixtures against opponents at either of our dedicated facilities, guidance as to the key COVID-19 measures in effect.

This guidance has been reviewed and updated in line with the latest guidance from 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	All details for your home match should be confirmed as early as possible with the opposition and with the match officials. Links to the COVID section of the Warsash Wasps website should also be explicitly provided to clarify expectations.
2	Pre-Arrival Health Checks	All managers/coaches/players/spectators 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. Wasps home managers are specifically requested to share this with all players, spectators and coaches who will be attending the home fixture.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Home managers must ensure that the club's free-standing sanitiser stations are switched on, filled up and positioned outside for access by all visitors (details in Appendix A). There are separate stations for New Road and Osborne Road.</p>
8	Changing Rooms & Buildings	<p>In accordance with FA guidance all changing rooms will be locked and unavailable to teams on match day.</p> <p>With the exception of toilet access, all other buildings and rooms are to remain locked at all times during WWSFC fixtures.</p>
9	Toilets	<p>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.</p> <p>If used, managers must ensure that the toilet is disinfected when first opened, when handing over the site to another WWSFC manager, and again when being closed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>At New Road, the main building doors can be opened (and secured) to allow access to the women's/disabled toilet.</p> <p>At Osborne Road, the home changing room door (right side) can be opened to allow access to the toilet, no sink facilities are available here.</p>
10	Track and Trace	<p>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).</p> <p>The home team manager may arrange for a COVID Helper to take care of this record collection.</p> <p>After the fixture a copy of the completed track and trace form MUST be sent to the WWSFC COVID Officer (Pauly Carroll) as soon as possible.</p> <p>The government has also (as of 24th Sept 2020) made it a LEGAL requirement for QR codes to be displayed for the NHS Test and Trace App should people wish to register at the site via that means rather than by providing their details on the Wasps T&T forms.</p> <p>Warsash Wasps do not have any access to any of the data captured by the NHS T&T QR system.</p> <p>The QR Code Signs will be fixed in place at New Road around the site.</p> <p>At Osborne Road the QR signs will be on portable stands which MUST be brought out and displayed for every home fixture.</p>

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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 must be sanitised and cleaned prior to use in the home fixture, this includes match balls, goal posts, dug out seating, corner flags, etc.
13	Match Official Equipment	It is the Match Officials responsibility to ensure that any flags and/or other equipment they provide to officiate the fixture have been cleaned and sanitised prior to use and immediately afterwards. Home managers may wish to have their own flags for referee assistants to avoid shared use.
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	Player Safety Checks	Player checks (jewellery, shin guards, boots, etc) are still necessary prior to kick-off and should be completed in a socially distant manner by the Match Officials.
16	Pre-Match Handshakes	In accordance with FA guidance, no pre-match handshakes are allowed
17	Coin Toss	The coin toss is still a necessary feature of the pre-match routine, the Referee must ensure that only he/she handles the coin and that social distancing maintained.
18	Match Official Payment	The mechanism for payment of the match officials should be agreed when the match confirmation details are provided. Wherever possible this should be cashless.
19	Spitting/Shouting/Celebrating	Away managers are requested to remind their players that the following should minimised as much as possible to reduce transmission risk: Spitting, Excessive shouting (especially in close proximity to other players), goal celebrations.
20	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. WWSFC home managers should hand over the site to the next WWFSC manager appropriately, or close the site down fully, including any sanitisation of the site (toilets, doors, etc) as required. On closing the site, it is important to ensure that all equipment is put away, free-portable signs brought in, gates/doors locked and that the hand sanitisers are switched off and stored away correctly and safely.

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

Warsash Wasps Committee

Appendix A – WWSFC Venue Free Standing Hand Sanitiser Stations

WWSFC have invested in two portable, free-standing hand sanitiser stations to be used for home fixtures.

There will be one sanitiser station provided at each site. At New Road the station is to be stored after use in the main building entrance near the gent's toilet door, and at Osborne Road the station is to be stored after use in the home changing room entrance area.

The stations are battery operated and have to be switched on when the site is opened up, and of course switched off again when the site is closed down.

To access the power switch, there is a 'clip lock' at the top of the hand sanitisation unit. This needs to be pressed in using the 'key' (or similar thin pointed object). When opened the front face of the unit will arc forwards (be careful not to damage the unit as it is on a plastic hinge).

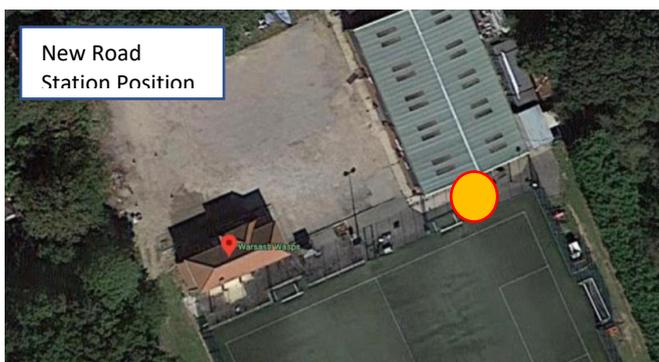
On the inside front of the unit you will see a small black switch, set this to '1' to power it on for single pump delivery, then close the face of the unit and the 'clip lock' carefully. Test to make sure the unit is operational

The hand sanitisers will be filled each week ready for use on the weekend home fixtures, managers should not need to refill these at any time.

Once ready to use please position the hand sanitisers in the following locations for use during the home fixtures (Orange dot on the image):

New Road – the station should be positioned outside the main building doors so that it will be used by people making their way to the main pitch, or when people have used the toilet.

Osborne Road – the station should be positioned on the next to the end point of the fencing by the changing rooms taking care not to block any pathways or access routes



Please can we request that you take care of the hand sanitiser stations from a security, safety and cleanliness perspective – they weren't cheap, and we can't afford to be replacing them regularly as a club. In particular, at Osborne Road, as it is a public space, can you make sure no-one from outside the club causes any damage.

After the fixture please make sure the stations are wiped down, switched off, put back away in the storage location and the rest of the site is locked up as usual.