**Scotton Scorchers**

**Covid – 19 Protocols for Visiting Clubs**

**Effective from Saturday 5th December 2020**

Dear Visiting Coach,

Scotton Scorchers JFC is compliant with all FA and Government requirements. Special thanks to our Welfare Team who have spent a great deal of time working on this. We must all now follow the instructions so we can safely step closer to near normal football.

We must emphasise that restrictions are still in place and we are not back to pre Covid 19 conditions of football.

Please read the main bullet points below:

* Visiting Lead Coach to arrange to meet Scotton Scorchers squad contact/coach on arrival at the ground;
* Lead Coaches from both teams will keep a register and have parents contact details with them;
* Coaches, spectators and players over 16 years of age must scan the NHS COVID-19 QR CODES relevant to the venue that they are at using their smart phone/tablet/ipad – these will be on display at each venue. If this is not possible, names and contact details must be given using the spectator T&T form at the pitch entrance/in pavilion – please request this;
* Parents permitted to spectate for Training and Matches (ONE ADULT PER PLAYER) BUT MUST REMAIN at a minimum distance of 3 METRES FROM PITCHSIDE in ‘bubbles’ of no more than 6 people. Bubbles MUST also adhere to Social Distancing rules of 2m distance and will be designated a spectator area;
* Spectators failing to adhere to social distancing rules will be asked to remain in the car park or their cars for the duration but continuing to adhere to Social Distancing rules;
* Parents must remain contactable for the duration of any session and coaches to have access to Emergency Contact Numbers for parents;
* Coaches are fully responsible to make sure kit/equipment is cleaned and sanitised before/after each session);
* Scotton Scorchers JFC operates a One Way Entry/Exit system – All Players & Coaches and spectators are to enter via double main gates and exit at pedestrian gate near Kids at Heart. All younger players must be met here by parents/guardian. (Welcoming SSJFC coach/car park attendants are on hand to point out to visiting teams on arrival);
* All Players MUST bring their own hand sanitizer and maintain 2m social distance on any breaks, team talks etc. ( Coaches to encourage frequent sanitizing of the football in natural breaks in play);
* Coaches will remain 2m from players and each other at all times. If a player is injured, and their parent is on site, they can assist their child. Coaches (including visitors) must wear protective, face covering, plastic gloves and gown;
* Players are not to touch equipment/footballs with their hands (except GK with gloves on) during training sessions. If this occurs, player should sanitise using wipes/sanitizer. However, during matches, players are permitted to take throw ins as per FA Rules but must sanitize hands at the earliest opportunity. If possible, use several footballs during the game with regular sanitization taking place;
* Our toilet Facilities will be open; will be professionally cleaned before Saturday morning sessions each week. An additional hand sanitizer station will be at the side entrance of the pavilion (only entrance to toilets);
* Toilet Facilities will use a ‘one in/one out system’ and 2m social distancing shall be maintained. Toilets have been signed/designated for use - Coaches and adults to only use the disabled toilet;
* Please be reminded, if an individual is symptomatic, living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or if anyone is classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, the guidance is that your son/daughter should remain at home;
* If a child or volunteer becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature or loss of taste/smell they must be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance;
* If you have been on holiday to a destination requiring 14 days isolation or been advised to isolate for 14 days you must comply and not attend football;
* Any player/coach/spectator found to be breaching club policies or breaching social distancing rules may be asked to leave the pitch areas (and venue if needs be).

Further advice can be requested from any of the Scotton Scorchers JFC Welfare Team/Committee Member.

We hope that you will fully support our Covid-19 Protocols and hope your team enjoy their game!

Scotton Scorchers Welfare Team

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