



**Taken from the government guidance - Guidance for providers of outdoor facilities on the phased return of sport and recreation in England, updated Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation>)**

Outdoor sports courts are allowed to be open if those responsible for them can open them safely. This includes basketball and tennis courts, playing spaces like golf courses (public and private) and playing fields and water sports. Outdoor gyms, outdoor swimming pools and playgrounds can open.

Each venue, including council-owned sports facilities, should make their own decisions about when their facilities are ready. Working to ensure the activity can meet public health guidelines.

## **Working to ensure the activity can meet public health guidelines**

- All activity should be consistent with the government guidance regarding health, social distancing and hygiene.
- That means that participants and others can follow social distancing guidelines, that good hygiene practices are in place, that equipment is disinfected regularly, and that it is clear that anyone who is symptomatic or suspects they have been exposed to the virus does not take part and remains at home.
- Consider the whole end-to-end 'user journey' when planning safe operating practices; this means all activities from the time of arrival on site to leaving, not just the sporting activity.

## **Keeping facilities and equipment clean**

- Cleaning protocols should be put in place to limit coronavirus transmission in public places. It is advised that touch points (e.g. handrails and gates) should be particular areas of focus for increased cleaning. Frequent cleaning of work areas and equipment between use, using your usual cleaning products, is advised. As is clearing workspaces and removing waste and belongings from work areas at the end of shifts.



## Social distancing

- Social distancing guidelines should be followed between people from different households wherever possible. This means a distance of 2m between people from different households, or 1m plus mitigations (such as face coverings or avoiding face-to-face contact) where 2m is not possible.

## Control Measures

- All of the control measures have been considered / implemented to reduce the risk factor to a tolerable level. The generic risk assessment has been reviewed by the relevant staff. This risk assessment will be made available to all staff, users and will be placed on the Academy website to ensure visibility of the control measures being implemented.

SEVERITY OF RISK (S)		LIKELIHOOD (L)					Lx S = RISK RATING SCORE (RR)	
		1. RARE	2. UNLIKELY	3. POSSIBLE	4. VERY LIKELY	5. ALMOST CERTAIN		
1	Insignificant	1	2	3	4	5	LOW (L) 1-8	NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED
2	Low	2	4	6	8	10		
3	Tolerable	3	6	9	12	15	MEDIUM (M) 9-15	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRED AND IMPLEMENTED BEFORE PROCEEDING.
4	Major	4	8	12	16	20		
							HIGH (H) 16-25	DO NOT PROCEED



Areas to Consider	Suggested Action	Risk Rating	L/M/H	Further Actions Taken
<b>Pre-Planning</b>				
<b>Phased Re-Opening</b>	Consideration should be given as to nature of facilities to be re-opened. Letting of indoor and outdoor facilities to be addressed on a phased basis.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A phased re-opening will allow outdoor lettings to be provided to customers, with no access to changing rooms or indoor facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Each club should undertake its own COVID-19 risk assessment and devise its own COVID-19 operational standards that considers the facility and its activities.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Padgate Academy will provide a full risk assessment, make this available to all customers and will share operational standards with each club.</li> <li>A comprehensive risk assessment will be requested from each club prior to confirmation of booking and admittance onsite, which should be fully compliant with current government and governing body guidance.</li> </ul>
<b>Site Management</b>	Social distancing guidelines must be maintained at the Centre.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff to follow social distancing guidelines at all times.</li> <li>Signage will be applied at entrance and exit points to reinforce social distancing.</li> </ul>
	Staggered arrival and exit time slots for groups will need to be considered to minimise player and staff interaction.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to site will be staggered for customers arriving at same time when two teams have booked half of the external pitch at the same time - each will need to wait in separate areas before entering the site.</li> </ul>



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams requested to arrive 5 minutes before due time.</li> <li>Staff will let players in and lock gate behind them.</li> </ul>
	Mitigating actions to be put in place to limit transmission within shared toilet spaces.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced cleaning measures will be put in place for shared toilets spaces.</li> <li>Access to toilets to be monitored and staggered where possible.</li> <li>Face coverings will be worn when entering internal spaces and good hand hygiene should be practiced by customers.</li> </ul>
<b>Bookings &amp; Sessions</b>	The type, duration, layout, and location of the training activity should be considered.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bookings will only be accepted for outdoor activities.</li> <li>Duration of bookings may be reduced to allow for access and egress of customers, to allow for cleaning of touch points by Centre staff.</li> <li>Bookings and payment will be made in advance, with no cash payments accepted at sites.</li> </ul>
<b>High risk individuals</b>	Limit staff with underlying conditions from attending the Centre	8	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any staff member with COVID-19 symptoms should NOT attend the Centre and must follow current government guidelines.</li> <li>Staff risk assessments will be conducted for staff classed as high risk.</li> <li>A comprehensive request risk assessment will be requested from each club prior to confirmation of booking and admittance onsite, which should be fully compliant with</li> </ul>



				current government and governing body guidance.
<b>Communication</b>				
<b>Communicate information to all staff and customers</b>	Information should be given regarding the COVID-19 risk and symptoms, and the practices that will be undertaken by the Centre to mitigate risks.	8	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site specific guidelines will be communicated with all customers, prior to booking confirmation being issued.</li> <li>Centre specific detail will be communicated through clear and detailed signage at key footfall points around the site.</li> </ul>
<b>Use and availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - sanitiser/masks/gloves etc.</b>				
<b>Cleaning arrangements</b>	Centre staff will be provided with PPE as required, including hand sanitiser for frequent use and antibacterial wipes for disinfecting hard surfaces and shared equipment.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre staff will have access to hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes.</li> <li>High contact points will be cleaned regularly between bookings using anti-bacterial wipes or spray.</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning measures will be in place for shared toilet spaces.</li> </ul>
<b>Masks/gloves for staff</b>	These should be provided by the Centre where necessary, e.g. bagging up of rubbish, whilst cleaning surfaces, etc.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff will have access to gloves, masks and any other items require to complete their duties.</li> <li>Staff will be given the option to bring a second uniform to work in case of contamination.</li> <li>Centre Manager to ensure that routine and enhanced cleaning is taking place.</li> </ul>
<b>Parking Arrangements</b>				
	Awareness and prevention must be considered from arrival. Where possible arrange social distancing in relation to car park spaces.	4	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Centre car park has sufficient spaces to keep cars at a distance from each other.</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment &amp; Belongings</b>				



	Only equipment deemed as essential should be used during training.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team members to bring own equipment, i.e. balls, whistles etc. as none will be provided by the Centre.</li> </ul>
	Clothes should be taken home by customers.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any clothing left on the pitch will be disposed of by Leisure Centre staff</li> </ul>
	Rubbish	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any rubbish left onsite will be quarantined for 72 hours before being disposed of.</li> </ul>
<b>First Aid Provision</b>				
<b>First aider PPE</b>	Consider the first aid provision and arrangements for first aiders.	6	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No first aid arrangements for customers will be provided by the Leisure Centre.</li> <li>Customer will provide trained first aider and this will be confirmed prior to booking confirmation being issued.</li> <li>Staff will be provided with and trained in the use of, any enhanced PPE arrangements/equipment relating to COVID-19 for administering between staff only.</li> </ul>