



EBFA – COVID-19 Guidance on Dec-20 Re-Starting Outdoor Grassroots Football (EBFA Matches)

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Disclaimer

This guidance is provided for East Berks Football Alliance matches in addition to guidance provided by the Football Association, Government or PHE. This guidance does not constitute legal advice, nor it is a replacement for such, nor does it replace any Football Association, Government or PHE advice; nor does it provide any specific commentary or advice on health-related issues.

While efforts have been taken to ensure the accuracy of this information at the time of publication, the reader is reminded to check the Football Association and the Government websites to obtain the most up-to-date information regarding social distancing and any other Football Association or Government measures.

Football Association and Government Guidance

- Government - [Return to recreational team sport framework Updated 30-Nov-20](#)
- TheFA - [Football-activity-guidance-for-restarting-outdoor-football---1-december.pdf](#)
- TheFA - [Football-activity-guidance-executive-summary---1-december.pdf](#)
- TheFA - [Football-activity-guidance-for-providers-for-football-activities---1-december.pdf](#)
- TheFA - [FA First Aid guidance for returning to competitive grassroots football](#)

Any complaints around COVID non-compliance of Football Association or Government instructions should be reported to the County FA.

1. Initially, the County FA will work with the Club to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities and support them in resolving any non-compliance.
2. If the County FA receives complaints/reports, however, about the *same Team* persistently failing to implement the necessary protocols required under FA Guidance, we will work with **both the Club and League** to create an action plan to support the Team in getting the relevant protocols in place to ensure everyone's safety at their fixtures. We will also engage with the facility provider, if this is not the Club.
3. **While the Club is implementing the action plan, and until they are able to demonstrate that the necessary requirements have been put in place, the League will be instructed to withdraw fixtures for that Team.** We will also report the non-compliance to The FA and inform them that fixtures have been withdrawn.
4. Only once the Action Plan has been completed will the County FA confirm that fixtures can be reinstated for that Team.

From this point in this Document these are EBFA COVID-19 Guidance – If Clubs do not wish to follow this EBFA COVID-19 Guidance then EBFA Member Clubs MUST adhere to the EBFA 2020/21 Rules and Regulations.

Club COVID-19 Officer – Let the League Know As we have No Access to WGS Club COVID-19 Officer

All clubs must identify a Covid-19 officer who will be responsible for having developed the Club Covid-19 plan and risk assessment, prior to the restart of any activity.

The Covid-19 officer MUST be identified to the League via Google Form [Google Form COVID-19 Officer Link](#), before the 31-Dec-20. {Club, Name, Email, Mobile}. Any updates or replacement of the Covid-19 officer can also be reported via this google form link.

Please confirm on the Google Form if your Clubs wish to observe the EBFA Guidance or will Adhere to the EBFA 2020/21 Rules and Regulations ([EBFA Rules Link](#)).

The EBFA League Covid-19 officer is Ian Nile, iannile@hotmail.com, 07900 057759.

League and Clubs Before the Match (Pre-Match)

Manager and Referee Team Sheets

On Sunday or during the week when referee is known - Home team will confirm the referee name, EBFA Referee Reg Number and email

[Google Form Referee Registration Link](#)

Home and Away team will download the Referee only team sheet (PDF) format and email to the

On GotFootball – Team Login

Event Registration History									
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Name/Date	Type	Status	Applied	Accepted	Paid	Team List	Fixtures	eTravel	Support
East Berks Football Alliance 2020/21 01/09/2020 - 02/05/2021	League	Accepted	01/06/2020	Yes	No	Frozen (12)	View	Request	Request

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01/09/2020-02/05/2021

Coeed U12 HAWLEY YOUTH RAIDERS (Hampshire)

To view & manage the roster shown on your game cards, click here: [View Event Roster »](#)

To schedule your home games, click here: [Home Game Scheduling »](#)

Click on the game number to download a printable game card.

#MatchNo	Date	Home Team	Away Team	Status	Actions
#1791 Ref. Version	12/09/2020	HAWLEY YOUTH RAIDERS (Hampshire)	NPL YOUTH ELECTRONICS (Middlesex)	Unassigned	Chat Input Scores & Match Details
#1798 Ref. Version	19/09/2020	HENLEY LIONS (Berkshire)	HAWLEY YOUTH RAIDERS (Hampshire)	Unassigned	Chat Input Scores & Match Details
#1804 Ref. Version	26/09/2020	HAWLEY YOUTH RAIDERS (Hampshire)	PINEWOOD PUMAS (Berkshire)	Unassigned	Chat Input Scores & Match Details
#1811 Ref. Version	10/10/2020	EVERSLEY & CALIFORNIA YOUTH TITANS (Hampshire)	HAWLEY YOUTH RAIDERS (Hampshire)	Unassigned	Chat Input Scores & Match Details
#1817 Ref. Version	17/10/2020	HAWLEY YOUTH RAIDERS (Hampshire)	BINFIELD REBELS (Berkshire)	Unassigned	Chat Input Scores & Match Details
#1824	31/10/2020	BINFIELD TORNAOODES (Berkshire)		Unassigned	Chat Input Scores & Match Details

Click on the correct match row, under the #MatchNo (#1791 in this example) click on “Ref. Version”, to download a PDF copy of the “Referee Only Copy” of the team sheet.

Send the PDF copy of the “Referee Only Copy” to the Referee by email.

Note for Referee's who are Under 18 years of age the email, may be belong to their Guardian.

To download the Manager and Referee Only Copy PDF, click on the #MatchNo (#1791 in this example). This will be emailed to the opposition. And you will need a copy on the match day at the fixture.

Player must have Jersey number on the team sheet

Last Player Registration

Last player registration will be on Thursday evening by 20:00hrs.

If late players are registered the team sheet must be re-issued to the referee and opposition by Friday noon.

EBFA Registered QFA

At least 1 EBFA Registered QFA must be at the match/venue

[Google Form QFA Registration Link](#)

FA Requirement - QFA should be equipped with the appropriate PPE (including face coverings) to protect themselves and others if they need to compromise social-distancing guidelines to provide medical assistance. After contact with an injured participant, the person who has administered first aid should clean their hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitiser at the earliest opportunity. This advice is applicable to all situations, regardless of whether there was close contact or social distancing was maintained. The first aider should also avoid touching their mouth, eyes and nose. After the match, any QFA PPE should be disposed once used (i.e. used gloves/tissues etc must be placed in a sealed bag/bin).

Player Verification Procedure

ID Cards (Physical and eCards must be at the match.

Team Sheet – Manager should have his and opposition team sheet at the match.

Before Kick-Off, in an area away from spectators, the 2 Manager will stand a minimum of 2 metres apart.

Manager will complete the team form for both teams to show which team players are starting and which are subs.

Then, Home manager will then call the players over 1 at a time, in team sheet order, and they will approach to 2 meters and stop. The Home Manager will show the opposition manager they have the ID Card for this player and player will confirm name and jersey number. Opposition manager will thank the player and home manager will ask the player to return to the squad. This is repeated for the whole team and then the process is repeated for the away team player verification.

Payment of Referee

FA Requirement - Cashless payment of match fees are recommended. Referees should agree with the paying club on BACS/electronic payment where possible. If cash payment for match fees is agreed, this should be done with minimal contact and in an envelope.

The home club's team should arrange full payment of the referee. The away club's team should reimburse the home club's team 50% of the referee fees. Be aware that some Managers might agree to "We pay our home match referee fees and you pay yours when we play the reverse fixture". Problem is for some teams:

Teams playing an eight-team schedule will have mismatch in number of reverse fixtures.

Trophy Events fixtures do not have reverse fixtures.

Teams in Section will be re-streamed at Christmas, so a reverse fixture might not occur as teams change Sections for the Jan-May period.

Respect Handshake

FA Requirement - No Respect Handshake

Players Kit

For a fixture, any player MUST have a dedicated Shirt (numbered/No Name on Shirts), Shorts and Socks. Also, if provided any Jackets, Bibs and Goalkeeper Glove MUST be player dedicated. Teams shall not provide water bottles, these should be dedicated to each player or provided by each players guardian to ensure no sharing of water bottles between players.

Any change of goalkeeper requires the replacement goalkeeper to never swap goalkeeper shirts or gloves. Replacement goalkeeper must have a dedicated set of goalkeeper shirt and gloves.

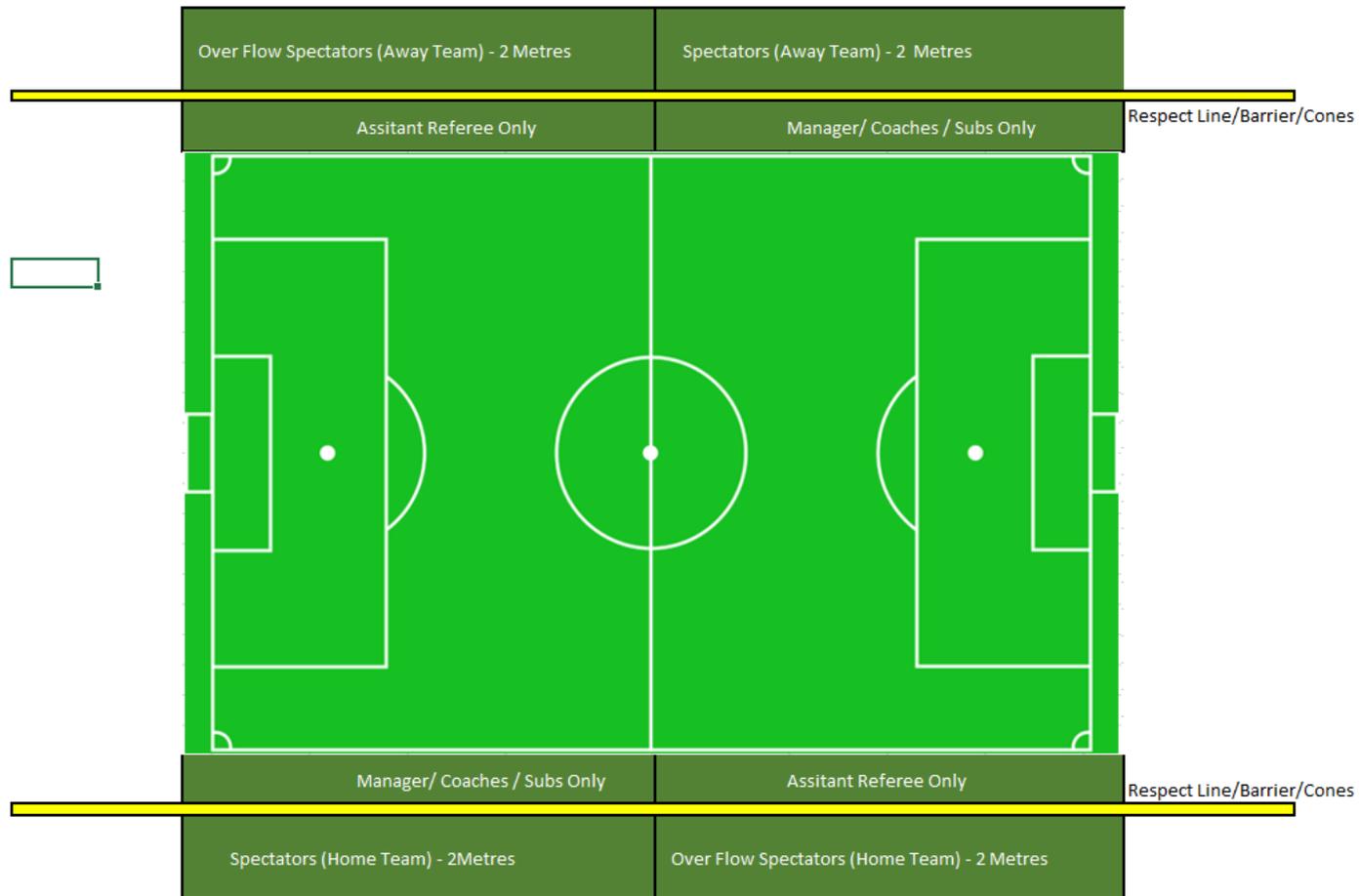
Club Assistant Referees.

Referees may or may not provide club assistant referee flags. All U11 to U18 teams club assistant referee flags in their equipment for the match. The home and away teams MUST provide their club assistant referee flag. If during the match the club assistant referee changes then a new sanitised flag MUST be used, or the current flag MUST be sanitised. After the match, the club assistant referee should return his flag to his Manager for sanitising.

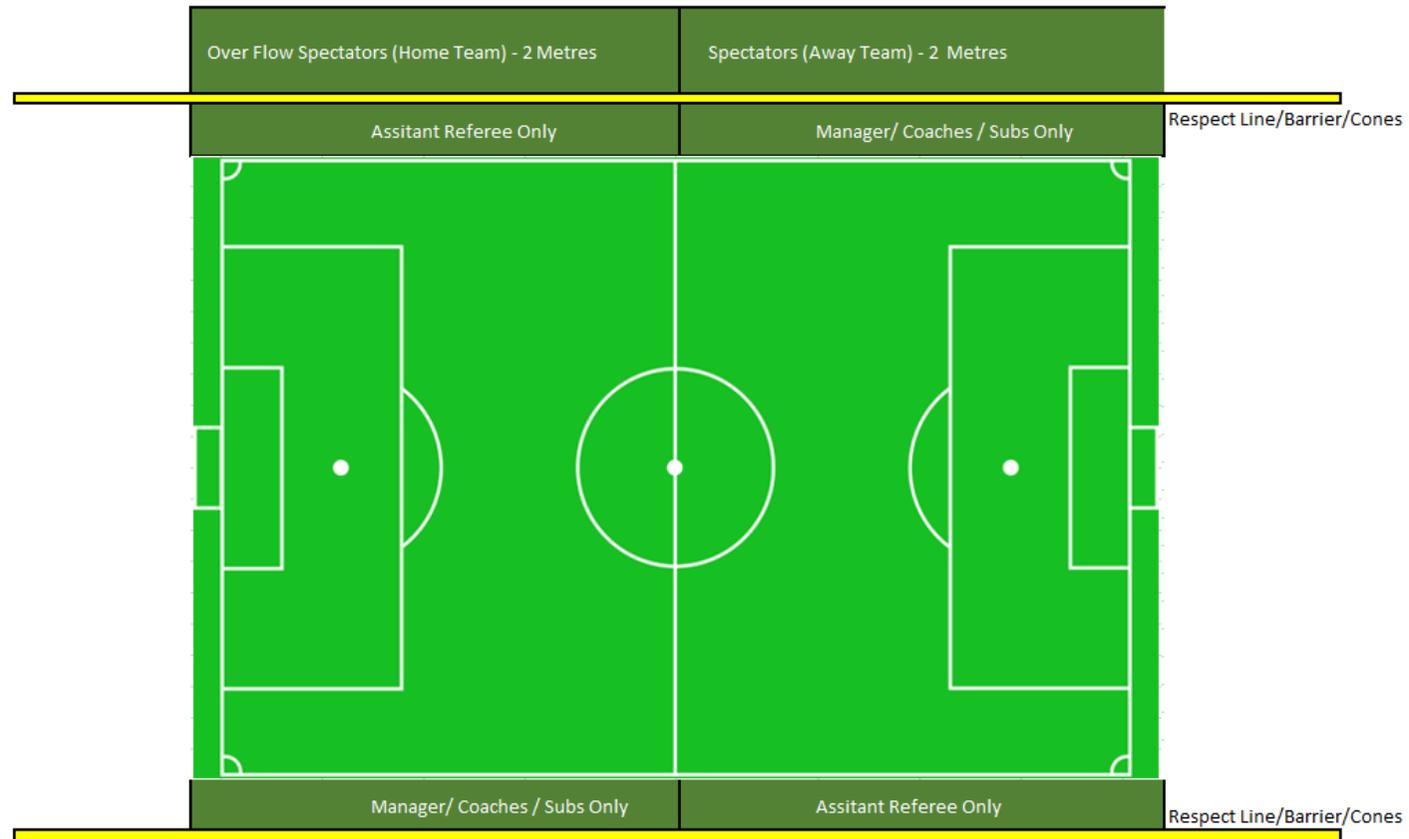
League and Clubs During the Match

Pitch Areas

The EBFA League recommend the following pitch areas for fixture participates.



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FA requirement - Supporters, parents, and other spectators should remain socially distanced whilst attending events. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider Government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes.

Discrete six-person gathering limits means only meet outdoors in a group of no more than **2 households** or in a group of up to **6 people**.

Ball Leaving the Field of Play

Home teams should provide 2 match balls to referee before the match, recommend that the spare match ball is positioned on a cone near the halfway line, between the touch line and respect line. All players and spectator should be informed that they should not touch the spare match ball.

Inform spectators, that if the match ball leaves the field of play, they MUST not touch the ball with their hands. Either leave it to the players to retrieve it using their feet only to return the ball to the field of play.

If a spectator does touch the match ball, then the spare match ball should be kicked to the referee, while the ball handled by a spectator is sanitised and made ready for future use in the match if required.

League and Clubs After the Match (Post-Match)

Post-match handshakes

Post-match handshakes must not take place.

Team Sheet

Referee does not have to sign the team sheet.

Team sheet to be photographed or scanned and uploaded as part of the Google Form for the EBFA 2020-21 Team Match & Respect Report (TM&RR).