CREWE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
RISK ASSESMENT

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Hazard	**Control measure in place**	**Risk level**	**Additional control measures**
Safeguarding children	All volunteers working directly with children require a valid indate DBS check and completed the FA safeguarding children course. Coaching takes place in view of parents/ or more than one coach is present at each training session. Written consent for photography required. Coach to be aware in advance of arrangements for players getting to and from training and to ask for parents to communicate any changes	Low	The club has a Lead Welfare Officer with two supporting Welfare Assistants. The LWO has completed the FA Welfare Officers Workshop.
Extreme Weather	Pitch inspector to call the session off in extreme weather conditions. The interests and safety of the children are paramount, together with consideration for any young children and spectators.	Low	
General condition of the pitch	Coach to check state of pitch pre-session, deal with any hazards such as foreign objects. Signage going stating no dogs on the pitches.	Medium	Report and request clean up of the pitch to the letting organisation.
Goals	Goals: when moving goals 2 adults should use manual handling techniques to prevent injury and/or damage to the goals. Use clear communication when manovering goals. Coaches to check condition of stationary goals to ensure stability during training sessions/matches.	Low	
Balls	Too hard Balls pumped to the appropriate pressure. Coaches check this at the start, and throughout the game. Coaches refrain from encouraging heading during training and matches in age groups below under 12's. Any balls which are damaged are to be thrown away.	Low	
Footwear Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) sharp studs	All children to wear appropriate footwear, no metal studs allowed. All coaches to ensure the players wear shin pads.	Medium	A supply of spare appropriate boots and shin pads are available to borrow.

Jewellery	All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before a session. Parents/coaches checks this	Low	
Conduct of players, officials and spectators	Coaches/Refs decisions are final and players' parents should respect this or face removal if behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable. Groups arranged by age/ability to avoid clashes between players of unequal size/strength.	Medium	The full code of conduct is sent out to all club members at the beginning of the season - if the code isn't being adhered too the LWO will speak to the player/official/spectator and if behaviour continues this may lead to suspensions of those involved.
Physical injuries from normal play	Players should warm up and cool down properly before and after matches and training sessions. There is access to an adequately stocked first aid kit, and a qualified first aider on site during play Players with injuries or medical complaints should let these be known to their coach. Players must wear shin pads First aider available /accident reports must be completed where necessary.	Medium	Public liabilty and personal injury insurance is purchased by the club on an annual basis.
Dehydration/Exhaustion	Each player is required to bring their own drink to each training session. Regular rest breaks are provided during training to ensure children have the opportunity to have a drinka and a rest. In warmer weather sunscreen and caps/hats are recommended, this is to be monitored by parents and coaches. Coaching is adequate to the lowest ability players fitness in the training, in the event of vast differences it is important to ensure players are in groups with an equal ability.	Medium	The committee have provided all teams under 10 and below with a set of water bottles for the managers/coaches to bring to training/matches.
Cold weather	Children to wear appropriate layers, hats and gloves as necessary. Monitored by parents/coaches.	Low	
Anti-bullying	Coaches will be responsible for controlling participant's behaviour during each session. Coaches will remind participants that poor behaviour towards others will not be tolerated. If a fight takes place and it is safe to do so, then the coaches will step in to separate the fight. Coaches have the ability to cancel the session if it is required for the participants safety.	Medium	
Pre- existing health conditions	Ensure participants are eligible to participate age, ability etc relevant to the session Ensure participants are medically fit to participate,enquire in sensitive and confidential manner	Medium	Registers contain information regarding health conditions of all registered players within the club.

Obstructions	Any obstructions to the playing area e.g. ball bags, excess balls, cones, bins and other equipment are removed prior to the match or training.	Low	Storage facilities are provided which all managers/ coaches have access to at training sessions.
Fire evacuation	Coaches and committee members to familiarise themselves with a fire escape route and meeting points in the event of an evacuation. Adopt venues procedures.	Low	
Outdoor venues	Check for entrances/access to venues which are near a road and open to vehicles.	Low	
Trips to other locations excluding matches	Ensure signed permission slips received from each players parent giving consent to attendance of venue and activities involed. Permission for photographs which may be taken. Travel to and from venue, club officials and parents of team members may be required to assist with transport, ensure no child goes alone with an adult. Ensure contact details, medical and allergy information for each child is up to date.	Low	adoption of venues risk assessment

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