

# **Rotherfield FC- Match day procedures: COVID-19 V6.0 (12.04.21)**

These are the arrangements for all attending fixtures for all adult matches at Rotherfield FC. These will be continually reviewed.

## **ARRIVAL**

Please ensure that no player travels to the match if they have **any** symptoms of COVID-19 as per FA guidance.

For details of symptoms visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Park in car park at the ground (Rotherfield Recreation ground, North Street, Rotherfield TN6 3LX) to the rear of the village hall. Maintain social distancing at all times when leaving cars to walk across to the club house.

CHANGING ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE for both home & away teams. Use will increase your risk of cross infection but if you do use then these are subject to the following:

- all users must minimise their time in the changing rooms
- follow Government guidance re social distancing in an indoor setting. To this effect **only 6 players** at a time should use the Away team changing room with coaches etc remaining outside of the changing room. ONE shower & toilet will be available.
- all persons using the changing room/toilet/showers should wear face coverings & use the hygiene facilities provided

Please log in using the NHS QR codes with respect to the COVID-19 NHS App. These are displayed externally around the ground, on the front of the club house & within the changing rooms.

## **REFEREE CHANGING FACILITY**

This will be available along with the dedicated toilet & shower. Use will increase your risk of cross infection although the facility will have been cleaned prior to your use. Please wear a face covering when accessing the club house/your changing facility & the hygiene facilities provided.

Can the referee please log in using the NHS QR codes with respect to the COVID-19 NHS App.

## **TOILET FACILITIES FOR NON PLAYERS**

A toilet is available within the main club house. Please wear a face covering when accessing the club house & this toilet. Please wait outside to use the facility if it is in use. Please use the hygiene facilities provided.

## WARM UP

Full 2 metre social distancing to be maintained during warm up. Please keep off the match pitch using the areas either side of the cricket square. Home side to use the area nearest to the club house; Visitors to use the area between the car park & the cricket square.

All team discussions to take place outside. Please only use changing rooms for changing!

Please respect the fact that these areas are junior mini soccer pitches so please do not undertake intensive repetitive exercises that may irreparably damage the grass surface. **NO FOOTBALL BOOTS ON CRICKET SQUARE.**

## MATCH

Respect barriers will be used to separate the players from others at the rear of the player shelters only for the length of the pitch. No respect barriers to be erected to the cricket square side of the pitch.

Spectators are permitted as the ground is public land but all to maintain strict compliance with the Government gathering limits. (Social distancing except for groups of no more than 6 people or two households)

Match footballs will be sanitised prior to the match & at all drinks breaks including half time. Tactical discussions at half time to take place on the pitch.

Social distancing must be maintained in the player shelters with a **maximum of 3 persons sitting in each of the shelters**. Technical areas are marked & extend beyond the shelters so there will be space for all concerned to distance. Additional plastic chairs will be positioned for players & coaches etc **ONLY** to use. Numbers in the technical areas to be restricted to substitutes, management, coaches & physio.

**Please ensure there is no sharing of drinks bottles.** A bin will be provided for the disposal of rubbish. Please use the bin to avoid unnecessary handling of rubbish.

**Each team to supply their own linesman flag for use by their designated linesman ONLY.**

If a player requires treatment during the game then the First Aid attendant **MUST** wear full PPE in accordance with FA Guidance (Face covering, gloves, apron) before entering the field. If a second person is necessary to carry a player from the field this can be another player or a coach but if the latter please ensure they wear a face covering, disposable apron & gloves. A record of every person treated & those providing the treatment must be kept by each team for their players etc.

## POST MATCH

Changing rooms will be available.

If the weather is favourable then the club house bar will be open for drinks **to be consumed OUTSIDE whilst seated** subject to the Government gathering limits (social distancing except for groups of a maximum of 6 persons or two households). Please wear a face covering when accessing the club house.

Ordering & payment (preferably cash less) to take place within the club house.

Finally these procedures are of course essential & the Club is sure that all participants are only too glad to be playing football even with certain restrictions over what was normal previously.

Rotherfield FC Management Committee