

**FAW SAFER RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS
PHASE 3
STAGES 1 & 2 (EFFECTIVE FROM 21/9/20)**

**SENIOR, YOUTH, JUNIOR & SMALL-SIDED
FOOTBALL, HUDDLE, FUN FOOTBALL AND OTHER
FORMATS**



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- Phase 3 = Our next phase of return to football
- Senior = Tier 2 of the Mens and Womens pyramid and below
- Intra-club training matches = training matches that can take place with players participating from within the same club
- Inter-club matches = matches that can take place between 2 different clubs
- COVID-19 Compliance Officer = Role appointed at each club to lead on COVID-19 compliance across the club
- COVID-19 Operational Lead = Role that clubs can create to devolve responsibility of certain COVID-19 responsibilities i.e. collecting registers across a club's network of teams



INTRODUCTION

- The primary aim of this protocol is to support clubs affiliated to the FAW and/or an Area Association of the FAW to protect the health & safety of their players, coaches, all essential personnel and volunteers in a safer return to training and match-play, at the appropriate age groups
- This protocol will be subject to the latest Public Health Wales and Welsh Government policy and guidelines related to COVID-19 – given the changing nature of the guidance, clubs should keep up to date with COVID-19 updates issued by Welsh Government which is available [here](#)
- This protocol will follow all Welsh Government updates on '[Sport, recreation and leisure: guidance for a phased return](#)' and '[Guidance for a Phased Return of Outdoor Organised Activity](#)'
- This protocol will be utilised in line with all other FAW policy documents including Safeguarding
- The FAW, following WG guidance, identified the return to training date for all clubs to be from Monday 13th July 2020
- We are now in a position to provide you with information on football returning at phase 3 which will be a staged return under the current 30-person limit with progress through the different stages dependent on a number of internal and external factors
- Clubs will need to adhere to specific protocols and complete necessary documentation in order to continue to train and return to match-play under phase 3 revised protocols from the 21st September 2020



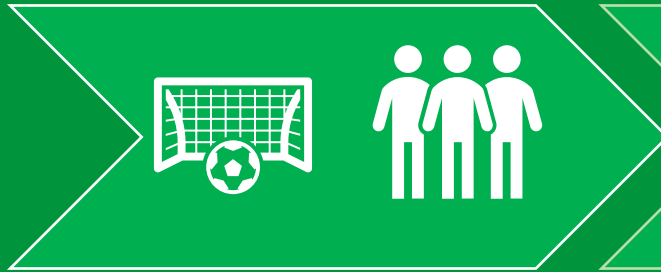
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PHASED RETURN TO FOOTBALL

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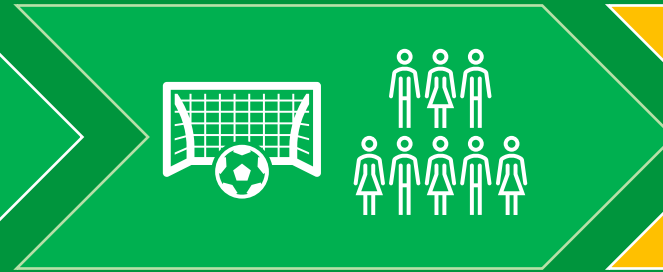


**SMALL GROUP TRAINING
(GROUPS OF 6)**

**FOCUS ON IMPROVING FITNESS
AND SKILLS**

**CLUBS NEED TO PREPARE AND
COMPLETE NECESSARY
DOCUMENTATION**

PHASE 2

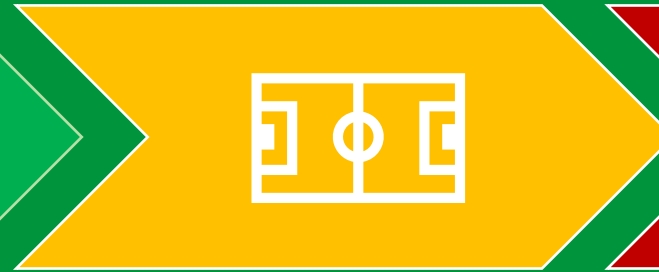


**LARGER GROUP TRAINING
(GROUPS TBC)**

**CONTACT TRAINING TO BE
INTRODUCED**

**CLUBS TO UPDATE MEMBERS
AND REVIEW AMENDED
DOCUMENTATION**

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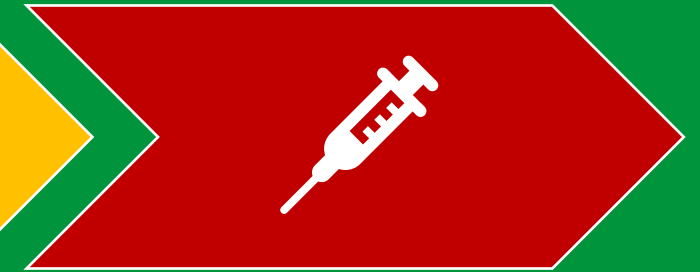


**STAGED RE-INTRODUCTION
OF MATCHPLAY ACROSS AGE
GROUPS**

**CONDITIONED INTRA-CLUB
AND INTER-CLUB MATCHES
AND COMPETITION RETURNS**

**LIKELY TO BE IN PHASE 3
FOR SOME TIME**

PHASE 4



**UNRESTRICTED FOOTBALL
PROVISION**



STAGED RETURN OF FOOTBALL AT PHASE 3 – OPERATING WITHIN 30 PERSON LIMIT

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	STAGE 5	STAGE 6
FORMATS	W/C 21/9/20	W/C 28/9/20	W/C 5/10/20	W/C 12/10/20 <i>subject to change</i>	W/C 19/10/20 <i>subject to change</i>	TBC
YOUTH, SENIOR, VETERANS & WALKING FOOTBALL	Outdoor contact training for up to 2 groups of 15 players and coaches (total 30)		Intra-club training matches permitted within 30 person limit		Friendly matches permitted against other teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games can take place against fellow league or within their LA teams only No spectators, max. 1 coach and 1st aider per team Limited number of substitutes and game length 3 WEEK PERIOD OF FRIENDLY MATCHES Local lockdown restrictions may impact who clubs are able to play 	League and FAW Academy competitions could resume <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Season structure will need to be flexible Amended formats for u13 – u16 age groups (11v11) No spectators, max. 1 coach and 1st aider per team
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SUMMARY

Please see below a summary of what activity is permitted at Stages 1 & 2 from Monday 21st September

ACTIVITY	U6 – U11 AGE GROUPS	U12 – U16 AGE GROUPS	YOUTH, SENIOR, VETERANS & WALKING FOOTBALL	HUDDLE & FUN FOOTBALL	PAN-DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENT SPECIFIC FOOTBALL
OUTDOOR CONTACT TRAINING FOR UP TO 2 GROUPS OF 15 PLAYERS & COACHES (TOTAL 30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
OUTDOOR TRAINING UP TO 30 PLAYERS & COACHES IN 1 GROUP INCLUDING INTRA-CLUB TRAINING MATCHES	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
OUTDOOR INTER-CLUB FRIENDLY MATCHES (CLUB A VS CLUB B)	✓	✗	✗	N/A	✗
LEAGUE COMPETITIONS	✗	✗	✗	N/A	✗
FESTIVALS & TOURNAMENTS	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗



INFLUENCING FACTORS TO PROGRESS AT PHASE 3

An increase in the number of people that can gather for outdoor activity

A further increase in the 30-person limit would be required for us to continue to progress at stage 3. This number is particularly limiting for 11v11 matches and competitions to return. There would need to be an amendment to match-day officials being included within the 30-person limit. Currently, they are included meaning an 11v11 match with 3 substitutes each team, 1 referee and a coach and first aider for each team would exceed the 30-person limit.

FAW protocols continue to be followed

We require a commitment from all players, coaches, officials and parents across our football family to continue to follow our guidelines and limit the spread of the virus. The majority of clubs continue to follow our guidelines; however we are aware of some clubs who aren't. These clubs and teams significantly impact the return of football at all levels.

Local lockdowns and further restrictions

Local lockdowns and further restrictions imposed on specific activities, settings and gatherings may impact the return of football in certain geographical areas or for certain groups. We ask all clubs to stay up to date with the latest Government guidelines and act in accordance with them for your local area.

League preparation and education

Leagues require appropriate time to prepare how their competitions will return under COVID-19 protocols.



CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Club management committees should meet to review the FAW Safer Return to Play protocol ahead of any training or match-play under phase 3 protocols
- All clubs must have at least ONE Covid-19 Officer in place to train or play under phase 3 protocols
- Clubs must continue to have COVID-19 Officers and Operational Leads in place – clubs who are able to play inter-club matches will need to submit a new FAW club checklist before this can take place
- Clubs must ensure, through their COVID-19 Officers and Operational Leads, that all coaches, parents and players are fully aware of their responsibilities and updated return to play protocols
- Clubs should complete a NEW COVID-19 Risk Assessment ahead of training and match-play under phase 3 protocols – this does not need to be shared with, or approved by FAW
- Clubs should keep a register for all attendees at training sessions and what groups they were participating in to support NHS Wales Test, Trace and Protect Service (TTPS)
 - ONLY names and a contact number should be collected as part of register
- Clubs may be asked to provide this information to TTPS – this information is exempt from GDPR
- Clubs should ensure players and coaches are registered on COMET
- Clubs should familiarise themselves with supporting resources provided by Bluefin Insurance

IF CLUBS DO NOT ADHERE TO FAW PROTOCOLS THEN THEY RISK INVALIDATING THEIR PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE AS AN AFFILIATED CLUB



CLUB COVID-19 COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

The main functions of the Club COVID-19 Officer will be to –

- Operate as the single point of contact for the club in relation to communication with and from the FAW, and for opposition clubs before, during and after matches are played
- Implement and manage Phase 3 training or match-play protocols across the club
- Develop a network of COVID-19 Operational Leads for teams or sections of the club i.e. seniors, minis, juniors, girls and disability etc. who would support in implementing FAW Phase 3 protocols
- Communicate and liaise with COVID-19 Operational Leads, club officials and coaches on Phase 3 protocols and procedures that need to be adopted
- Disseminate relevant COVID-19 related information to players and parents within the club
- Coordinate the recording of attendees at all training sessions and matches, for appropriate age groups, for contact tracing purposes
- Update COVID-19 Officers from relevant opposition clubs with details of any positive COVID-19 tests from within the club to relevant opposition clubs over the past 14 days

A Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer who is appointed to clubs with mini and junior players is required to have a valid DBS certificate.



COVID-19 CLUB CHECKLIST

- Clubs will need to complete a [NEW COVID-19 club checklist](#) prior to returning to playing inter-club matches
- The checklist should be completed by the club's COVID-19 Compliance Officer and will confirm your club has
 - Received and reviewed the FAWs Phase 3 protocols
 - Completed a COVID-19 Risk Assessment related to Phase 3 protocols
 - Shared FAW Phase 3 protocols with players, parents, coaches and facility providers
- A NEW club checklist is available to be completed [here](#)



COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

- A NEW COVID-19 risk assessment must be carried out by all clubs in advance of any resumption of training, match-play and/or facility reopening under phase 3 protocols
- If clubs are accessing private facilities this risk assessment must be shared with facility providers and considered alongside providers own risk assessment
- A risk assessment should be completed by the club at each training and fixtures venue its club teams uses
- The risk assessment must be reviewed regularly and kept up to date at all time
- The risk assessment must be in line with Welsh Government's 'Sport, recreation and leisure: guidance for a phased return'
- The FAW has developed a risk assessment guide and template for clubs and is available [here](#)

A club risk assessment does not need to be shared with, or approved by FAW



TRAINING VENUES, FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

- If you own or manage your facility, read through and follow Welsh Government's '[Sport, recreation and leisure: guidance for a phased return](#)' and other relevant guidelines
- Clubs and participants should be aware that the easing of restrictions does not mean that all facilities will open immediately - owners and operators will require time to consider all the implications of opening facilities, so please be patient.
- If you are hiring a facility, ensure you are aware of and follow all procedures that the owner / operator has put in place to ensure user safety.
- If you are using a public space: contact your local authority, please follow all guidelines and be respectful to other users.
- No changing rooms should be used – players should arrive in training or playing kit. Exceptions may be made where safety and safeguarding measures require their use.
- No shower facilities should be used
- Toilet facilities should be accessible for players and coaches
- Toilet facilities should be thoroughly cleaned before the first and after the last training session at the venue
- Toilets capacity should be managed via entry and exit and to allow for the 2m physical distancing to be maintained.
- Hand sanitiser and cleaning products should be available in toilet facilities for use during training sessions
- All training equipment – including goalposts – must be sanitised before and after every training session or fixture
- Clubs should follow guidelines on cleaning in a non-healthcare setting [here](#)
- While players & coaches will be advised to bring their own hand sanitisers, clubs will need to have hand sanitisers in place and observe strict hand hygiene measures



BEFORE YOU TRAIN OR PLAY

You must stay at home if:

- you have symptoms of COVID-19 (new persistent dry cough, fever, loss of taste or smell)
- you have had a positive test for COVID-19 or onset of symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days. (Individuals who have completed their period of isolation (10 days) and have no remaining symptoms (other than a dry cough or loss of taste or smell which can last for some time) may return to normal activities)
- a member of my household has had symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- you have been contacted by a contact tracer from the Test, Trace and Protect Programme and told to isolate in the last 14 days as a contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19
- you have returned from a country outside of the UK currently on the exempt list - more information on self-isolation is available [here](#)

You must:

- Familiarise yourself with COVID-19 safety protocols at your club
- Ensure your club has up-to-date contact details for you
- If you have additional concerns due to underlying medical conditions – or living with people with underlying conditions – please discuss these concerns with your Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer as part of your club's risk assessment. Further guidance is available [here](#)

REMEMBER: Some players or coaches may not feel comfortable in returning to train, clubs should communicate with all members prior to returning to train so people are aware of the protocols in place.



TRAINING GROUPS | NUMBERS

As of Monday 21st September 2020 the training numbers are as follows:

- U6 – U11 players
 - 1 group of 30 (ratio of 1 qualified coach : 14 players should be maintained throughout, additional adult coaches/team helpers are required to maintain adult:player ratio)
 - Maximum of 30 players and coaches on 1 training area*
- U12 – U16, youth, senior, veterans and walking football
 - 2 groups of 15 (ratio of 1 qualified coach : 14 players should be maintained throughout, additional adult coaches/team helpers may be required to maintain DBS adult : player ratio)
 - Maximum of 30 players and coaches on 1 training area*
- Clubs must adhere to FAW Safeguarding policies and other associated policies, at all times
- Only essential personnel are permitted access onto the training pitch/area

Essential personnel = Players, Coaches / Team Helper, First aid qualified person, Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer/Operational Lead

*Training area has been amended for u6 – u11 teams (more information is available on page 17)



CLUB COACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITY

- Intra-club training matches are only permitted for U6 – U11 age group teams
- If playing intra-club training matches, U6 – U11 teams can play against teams 1 age group older or younger within their own club ONLY. If doing so, any in-house match should be played under the format of the youngest age group team i.e. if an u10 team plays against an u9 team the match should reflect an u9 playing format
- Small-sided football regulations are applicable to teams at u6 – u11 age groups – for information on the recommended playing formats for these age groups click [here](#)
- FAW have produced coaching activity resources to support coaches deliver activities that adhere with our guidelines - coaches should follow these coaching guidelines at all times
- Coaching resources are available [here](#) – coaches will need their FAW Courses log in details, once signed in they should click on 'Jump to Coach Cymru'



TRAINING SESSIONS

- For u6 – u11 players, the minimum size of the training area must be 45x22.5m (half a full-size football pitch) if working with 30 players and coaches
- For u12s players and above, the minimum size of the training area must be 90x45m (full-size football pitch) if working with 30 players and coaches
- Size of the training area can be amended according to the number of participants e.g. if working with a total of 15 players and coaches – a half pitch training area would be appropriate
- Training areas can be shared with another club at the same time, however the total number of players on a training area cannot exceed 30 players and coaches
- For players u12 and above social distancing should be maintained before and after training and during breaks
- All activity must take place on the training pitch or area and follow FAW guidelines, players & coaches must adhere to guidelines on hand hygiene at all times
- Contact in training sessions should be kept to a minimum:
 - No handling of the ball (apart from GKs wearing gloves)
 - No throw-ins (pass-ins should replace these for matches)
 - No hand contact (handshakes, first bumps etc)
 - No spitting is allowed



TRAINING SESSIONS

If using an indoor facility,

- Clubs should seek guidance from the facility provider on the number of people permitted to train at an indoor venue
- The numbers of players and coaches permitted to train will be dependent on the nature of the indoor facility.
 - We would advise that clubs should not have more than 15 players (U12s and above) and coaches training at an indoor (4 court) sports hall. 30 players (U6 – U11) and coaches can train at this type of venue.
 - However, an indoor full-size 3G pitch would be suitable for up to 30 players (U12s and above) to train given the space available. 30 players (U6 – U11) and coaches can train on half-a-pitch at this type of venue.
- All activity must take place on the training pitch or area and follow FAW guidelines, players & coaches must adhere to guidelines on hand hygiene at all times
- In line with latest government advice, coaches, first aiders and team helpers should wear face coverings in indoor facilities
- Further guidance on use of indoor sports facilities is available [here](#)
- Contact in training sessions should be kept to a minimum:
 - Maintain 2m social distance where possible at all times
 - Limit the amount of contact between players
 - No handling of the ball (apart from GKs wearing gloves)
 - No hand contact (handshakes, first bumps etc)



TRAINING SESSIONS

Clubs should plan their activity to ensure that there is the following in place:

- A Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer or Operational Lead present to ensure that groups enter and exit the pitch correctly and register attendees.
- For players aged 12 and above, an agreed meeting area for each individual groups to meet before entering the training area
- For players aged 12 and above, all groups must exit the training area on an individual group basis before the next groups can enter.
- Access to and from the training pitch or area must be coordinated and subject to social distancing guidelines.
- Clubs must timetable the arrival of all groups and ensure that car parking areas are marked out accordingly - individual groups must know their arrival time and should wait at agreed meeting point before entering the pitch.
- All groups must clear the pitch 10 minutes before the next groups enter.
- Incoming training groups must remain in their cars or at specified waiting areas until the pitch is clear.

Example Timetable

Training Time	Arrival Time	Finish Time	Maximum group on full pitch (or half-pitch for u6 –u11 teams)
6pm	5.50pm	6:40pm	30
7pm	6:50pm	7:40pm	30



U6 – U11 INTER-CLUB MATCHES

- At STAGE 2 -friendly matches are permitted between for u6 – u11 age group teams ONLY
- Matches should only take place against teams within the same league or local authority, which ever would result in the least distance travelled.
- Clubs should follow normal procedure and gain approval from their respective league before friendly matches can be arranged
- There will be a set 3-week period of friendly matches before leagues are able to return – this is set out on page 6
- Clubs will need to act in accordance with local restrictions and self-isolation guidance when arranging and participating in matches
- If an individual who has participated in a match (either a player, coach, first aider, team helper or COVID-19 Officer) subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, the club concerned has a duty to inform the opposing clubs (from within the last 14 days) regarding the positive case
- The point of contact for opposition teams should be the club's COVID-19 Compliance Officer
- Following a positive test, the Test, Trace and Protect services will be responsible for contacting individuals who may need to self-isolate
- Coaches, first aiders and team helpers can only be involved with 1 match per day as government guidelines only permit having contact with 1 'bubble' of 30 per day to limit contact



U6 – U11 INTER-CLUB MATCH PROTOCOLS

- Clubs should complete a NEW Club Checklist before they return to play matches – available [here](#)
- All players, coaches and first aiders (inc. opposition) must be registered with the home team's COVID-19 Compliance Officer or Operational Lead prior to the start of play
- No spectators (including parents) are permitted to watch matches pitch-side unless there is a health or safeguarding reason for them to be present
- Parents / Guardians will need to drop off and pick up players from a designated area
- An age group team is only able to play against 1 other age group team on a match-day – multi-team festivals and tournaments are not permitted
- More than 1 match for the same home team club can take place on half a full-size pitch providing the total number across both matches does not exceed 30 persons and access to and from pitches is coordinated to limit contact between groups of players
- In this instance, we would suggest staggered kick off times are adopted to limit contact between groups of players
- 2 designated areas should be marked pitch-side at least 2m away – these should be used to house home and away team players, coaches and first-aiders during match-play
- Matches should be managed by a game leader that could be a home or away team coach or team helper



U6 – U11 INTER-CLUB MATCHES

Match formats and numbers of people permitted to be involved

Under 6 & 7 – 4v4

8 players per squad = 16 players across both teams

Up to 2 coaches/first aiders/team helpers per team = 4 coaches/first aiders across both teams

1 COVID-19 Compliance Officer / Operational Lead per club = 2 COVID-19 Officers/leads across both teams

TOTAL = Maximum 22 persons involved in the match

Under 8 & 9 – 5v5

10 players per squad = 20 players across both teams

Up to 2 coaches/first aiders/team helpers per team = 4 coaches/first aiders across both teams

1 COVID-19 Compliance Officer / Operational Lead per club = 2 COVID-19 Officers/leads across both teams

TOTAL = Maximum 26 persons involved in the match

Under 10 & 11 – 28-30 persons

12 players per squad = 24 players across both teams

Up to 2 coaches/first aiders/team helpers per team = 4 coaches/first aiders across both teams

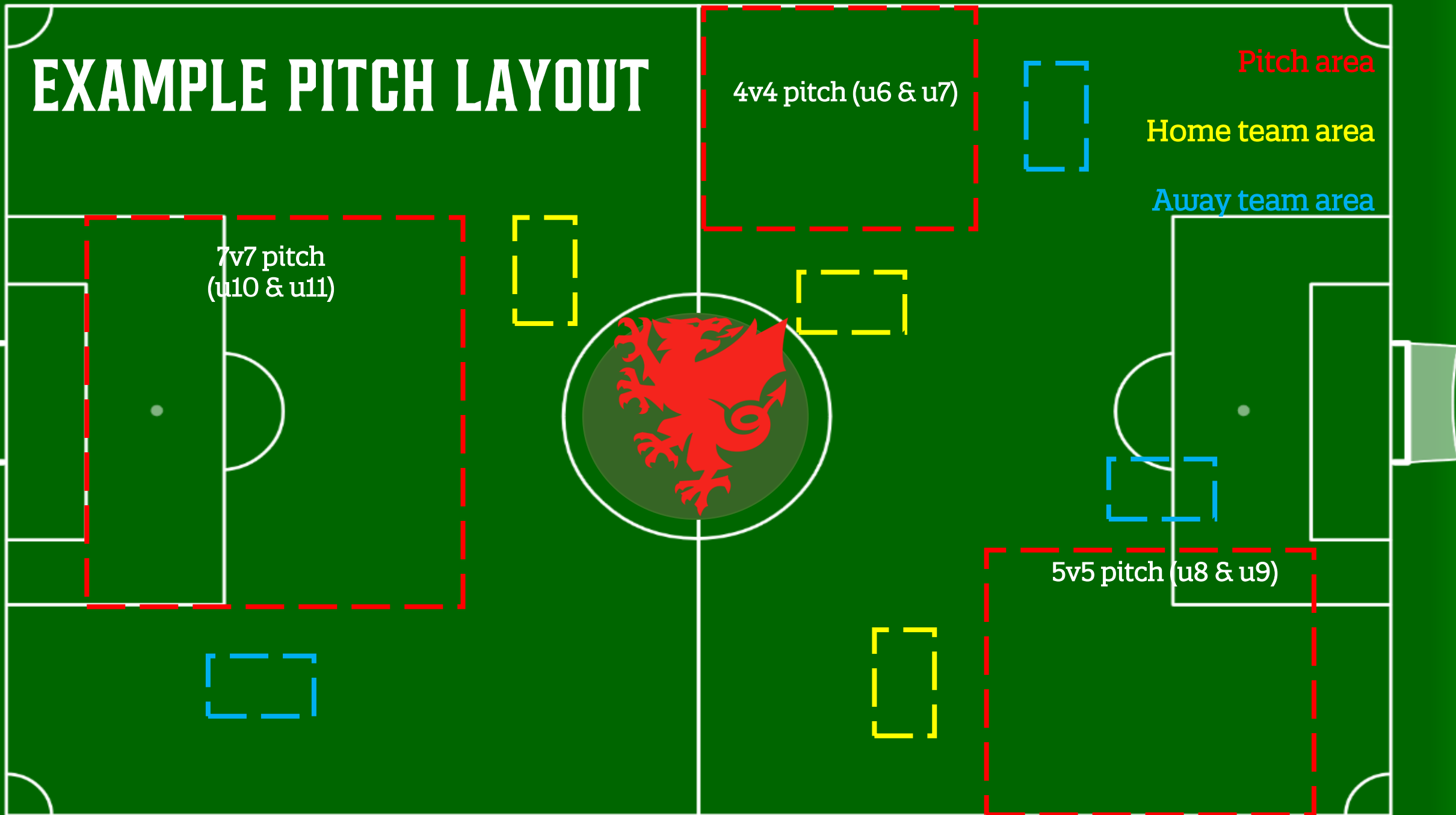
1 COVID-19 Compliance Officer / Operational Lead per club = 2 COVID-19 Officers/leads across both teams

TOTAL = Maximum 30 persons involved in the match

All matches should follow age group match regulations available [here](#)



EXAMPLE PITCH LAYOUT



4v4 pitch (u6 & u7)

7v7 pitch
(u10 & u11)

5v5 pitch (u8 & u9)

Pitch area

Home team area

Away team area

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- All coaches must be familiar with the updated FAW Safer Return to Play protocol
- All coaches, in partnership with Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer and Operational Leads, must ensure that all participants are briefed on the FAW Safer Return to Play protocol
- Coaches must arrive to training or match in their training kit
- All coaches, in partnership with Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer and Operational Leads, must adhere to FAW Safer Return to Play protocols throughout the full duration of the training session
- All coaches should follow training and playing guidance set out by FAW
- Coaches should be registered on FAW COMET system prior to the club returning to training
- Coaches must provide a register of attendees at all training sessions to the Club COVID-19 officer or Operational Leads for contact tracing purposes
- Coaches should bring their own hand sanitiser
- Coaches must ensure that the training and playing area is clear of all equipment before leaving the facility



PLAYER & PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- All players & parents / guardians of underage players must be familiar with the FAW Safer Return to Play protocol
- Clubs must ensure that all players & parents/guardians of underage players are briefed on the protocol before returning to training
- Players and parents/guardians are advised to keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 advice and information via <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>
- Adult players must arrive to the training venue alone or can be dropped off by a member of the same or extended household – *this is subject to changes in local restrictions*
- Underage players must be dropped off by a member of the same or extended household or can arrive to training venue alone (if appropriate age) – *this is subject to change in local restrictions*
- Parents should not remain at the training or playing venue unless there is a safeguarding or health reason for them to be present
- Any parents who need to remain with their children for safeguarding or health reasons do not need to be incorporated within the maximum of 30-person limit
- Players must arrive in their training or playing kit and with their own equipment including water (labelled with their name) and shin pads
- Goalkeepers, or any player acting as a goalkeeper, must wear their own gloves
- Players should bring their own hand sanitiser
- Personal items must be labelled with the player's name and not shared
- Players must bring all personal items home with them



MINI & JUNIOR FOOTBALL

CLUB ACCREDITATION

- Coaches should be registered on COMET
- Clubs will need to have completed their club accreditation to play league fixtures when they return – the deadline for the submission of club accreditation applications is 18th September 2020.

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- In line with coach:player ratios – at least 2 qualified coaches should be present on each training area
- Qualified coaches should lead all training sessions and matches

FIRST AID

- For each club training area (i.e. per group of 30 people), a minimum of 1 FAW qualified first aider (or approved equivalent) that has a valid DBS will need to be present
- This is an amendment to existing club accreditation regulations related to clubs providing a first aid qualified person per age group team/squad
- Therefore, if clubs have multiple age groups training or playing at the same time on the same training or playing area – only 1 qualified first aider is required to be present
- If clubs are using multiple training areas, a qualified first aider is required for each training area and match venue



MINI & JUNIOR FOOTBALL

SAFEGUARDING

- Ensure all club safeguarding officers are registered on the COMET system and contact details are made available to those involved in the club.
- Ensure COVID-19 officers has a valid DBS check and their contact details are made available for all involved with the club.
- Ensure all parents contact details are available to enable the club to contact them during training. If a player falls unwell during the session or becomes injured, the parent can be contacted and asked to collect their child as soon as possible.
- Ensure that FAW safeguarding standards and practices are maintained and postpone all activity until it can be provided safely, both in terms of COVID measures and safeguarding.
- FAW code of conducts for parents, coaches and players are available on our website and this will provide further support and guidance. www.faw.cymru
- If there are any concerns about a child, please report your concern to your club safeguarding officer. Other useful contacts are the FAW Safeguarding Team: 02920 435830/ safeguarding@faw.co.uk or the The NSPCC 24-Hour Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Please remember that child welfare is paramount at all times.



NEXT STEPS

- Have AT LEAST one Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer appointed
- Club Management meeting to discuss FAW Safer Return to Play Phase 3 protocols
- Club COVID-19 Compliance Officers to share FAW Safer Return to Training phase 3 protocols with
 - Players
 - Parents
 - Coaches
 - Facility provider (if applicable)
- Complete a NEW COVID-19 risk assessment - this does not need to be shared with FAW for approval
- **If clubs are returning to play matches at u6 – u11 age groups, a NEW club checklist should be completed for phase 3**

Clubs should meet regularly to review implementation, risk assessment and latest guidelines

All clubs should hold regular de-briefing sessions with coaches, club management and Club COVID-19 Compliance Officers and Operational Leads

