



## Coaches Return to Football Guidelines

Dear Coaches

**This guidance is in addition to the guidance issued to players/parents.**

Please appreciate that this guidance is issued by the FAW and is not flexible. If clubs do not adhere to FAW protocols, then they risk invalidating their public liability insurance as an affiliated club.

We will be providing sanitising equipment for each group of 15 (i.e. 4 lots) which will be kept in the storage container. There will also be PPE (masks/gloves/aprons) that should be worn in first aid situations. Please familiarise yourselves with the first aid information (and other guidance) on the FAW COVID-19 page ([www.faw.cymru/en/covid-19](http://www.faw.cymru/en/covid-19)).

- Make sure each group of 15 has its own sanitation station set up from the equipment in the storage container
- Ensure all equipment used is sanitised before and after use, and during water breaks. This includes cones, balls, goalposts etc.
- Put 14 cones down in a line (e.g. down one of the touch-lines) so that players can put their belongings next to them, ensuring they're not mixed up. Players should have all bottles/hand sanitisers clearly labelled with their name on too.
- Either a coach or a nominated parent will need to register everyone who attends. They will also need to answer a brief health questionnaire (see players/parents guidance). Each age groups coach needs to keep each weeks register for track and trace purposes.
- **A maximum group of 15 people can train per half pitch.** This number includes a coach (e.g. 14 players and one coach). If two coaches are available, then there can be up to 30 people (2 groups of 15) on one full pitch. If only one coach is available, then only the first 14 players who register at the gate will be able to train. For junior football, the pre-COVID player:coach ratio will be maintained, ensuring that there are no more than 15 players per half pitch.
  - 4-8 year olds - 1 adult to 6 players
  - 9-12 year olds – 1 adult to 8 players
  - 13-16 year olds – 1 adult to 10 players
- This maximum number of 15 people per half pitch also includes parents therefore parents/guardians WILL NOT be permitted to enter the gates onto the playing field and will have to return to their cars etc for the duration of training.

I understand that it is asking a lot of volunteer coaches to ensure that all these requirements are met, but it's vital that safety is our number one concern when getting people back to playing football.

If you are unsure about anything, then do not hesitate to ask any questions on the coaching staff WhatsApp group and I'll do my best to get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you in advance for your support in getting football back safely, and your continuing commitment to the football club.

Regards

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