

## Fishbourne Romans FC - Risk Assessment: 2022

HAZARD	CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE	RISK FACTOR	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES
<b>Child protection</b>	DBS checked coaches. Coaching takes place in view of parents. Photography not permitted Consent forms available.		
<b>Goalposts (portable)</b>	Goalposts when set out on pitch should be checked by the coach before each session.	Medium/high	We follow FA and BSI guidelines when purchasing goal posts
Danger of collapsing in play	Portable goals must be anchored to ground or weighted, when in use, in accordance with FA and British Standards Institute advice.	Medium/high	
Putting up and taking down of goals	Larger metal goal posts in the higher age groups to be moved/erected by at least two people, preferably adults and if by juniors min. 14+ years and of suitable size, strength and maturity.  <b>Good communication/coordination is vital when setting and taking down goals particularly when folding/unfolding support legs when the goals are unstable as this is the key moment where toppling can occur.</b>  Care must be taken when carrying goals to avoid manual handling injury to operatives and impact injury to others still on the field. Give clear signals to stand clear especially with excitable children at play.  On returning goals to containers ensure that they are lent against containers without risk of falling and secure with chains. Chains must be locked before leaving goals unattended  Parents to assist only under direction of coaches.	Medium/high	
Injuries from metal hooks used to secure goal nets (fixed goals)	Metal cup hooks are only in place on the cross bar, and out of reach of any child; children below the age of 16 are not allowed to put up nets; adults are advised of the potential danger of the metal hooks ie catching rings on fingers	Medium/high	
<b>Weather extremes</b>	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/Medium	
<b>General state of the pitch</b>	Coach to check state of pitch pre-session and clear any dog foul and deal with any hazards such as foreign objects. Plastic bags available to collect dog mess. Signage going stating no dogs on the playing surfaces (pitches).	Medium/high	
<b>Balls</b> Too hard  damaged (peeling leather)	Balls pumped to the appropriate pressure. Coaches check this at the start, and throughout the game. Heading of the ball now scrapped in coaching Balls are thrown away when the leather peels off.	Low	
<b>Footwear</b>	Children wear appropriate footwear and shin	Low	

Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) sharp studs	pads available at cost to borrow/buy. Boot exchange also available.		
<b>Jewellery</b>	All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before a session. Parents/coaches checks this.	Low	
<b>Conduct of players, officials, spectators</b>  Dangerous play/physical violence; Abusive language Threatening behaviour Inappropriate comment or action	Coaches 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	
<b>Physical injuries from normal play</b>	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	Medium	Public and Product insurance cover is provided (also covers accident)
<b>Dehydration/Exhaustion</b>	Drinks are provided by individual players Drinks are also available for purchase Regular drink stops Sun screen and caps recommended	Medium	
<b>Cold weather</b>	Children to wear appropriate layers, hats and gloves as necessary.	Low	
<b>Tea Bar</b>	Visual safety check on electrical devices carried out before each use. Hot water urn set away from pitches. Consider Hot Water sign. Other Equipment such as BBQ's must be away from Pitches.	Low	

*The Club Risk Assessment is discussed at the Annual General Meeting.*