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HAZARD	CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE	RISK FACTOR	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES
Goalposts (both permanent and temporary) Danger of collapsing	Goalposts on pitch should be checked by referee before each match. Portable goals must be anchored to ground, when in use, in accordance with FA and British Standards Institute advice.	Medium/high	We follow FA and BSI guidelines when purchasing goal posts.
Weather extremes	Grounds-man, tournament organisers, referee, or manager can call the game off in extreme weather conditions. The interests and safety of the children are paramount, together with consideration for any officials or spectators.	Low/Medium	
General state of the pitch Uneven ground, or presence of holes/divots Presence of foreign objects	Referees regularly check state of pitch Referee checks pitch before game, and during the game. Club officials will consult with the referee if there is any concern regarding the state of the pitch, and if they consider it to be a potential danger to the children or officials Anyone representing the club to assist in removing foreign objects from the pitch, or bringing the matter to the attention of a Manager or the Referee	Medium/high	Referee to check state of ground before the game(s) begins and during the entirety of the game. Club officials will bring any relevant matters to the attention of the referee
Balls Too hard damaged (peeling leather)	Balls pumped to the appropriate pressure. Referee checks this at the start, and throughout the game Balls are thrown away when the leather peels off.	Low	The referee checks the pressure and suitability of balls used throughout the game
Footwear Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) sharp studs	Referees check footwear for sharp studs before matches. Club officials regularly check whether footwear is appropriate.	Low	Clubs are responsible for making sure their players wear footwear appropriate for the surface they are playing on, and to check their studs regularly.
Jewellery	All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before a match. Referee checks this.	Low	Each player to be responsible for removing their own jewellery before matches and training sessions
Conduct of players, officials, spectators Dangerous play/physical violence; Abusive language Threatening behaviour Inappropriate comment or action	We play to FA rules, The referee can caution or send off players or officials in breach of these rules, and report any transgression by spectators. The club can be fined, have points deducted, or be threatened with removal from the League if behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable.	Medium	All parents, children, and club officials have signed a code of conduct, and reminded regularly of their responsibilities.

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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 manager. Players must wear shin pads	Medium	Third Party insurance cover is provided through the Marsh Broker / Aviva Insurance. Parents, Guardians or individual players may consider taking out their own insurance cover.
Dehydration/Exhaustion	Drinks are provided by individual players	Medium	As a safety net, drinks can be made available via the Club during home games, or purchased by the Club at certain away games
Lifting and Handling Taking equipment to/from vehicles Using equipment to prepare hot food and drinks	Any person taking equipment to or from vehicles, including equipment to prepare food and refreshments, refreshments, equipment associated with the game itself, and any other relevant equipment, should ensure that they only carry equipment that they are able to lift, hold and carry without causing an injury to themselves or others. Hot water boilers or containers must be kept on a level surface, and supervised by an adult at all times; only adults are allowed to use hot drinks dispensers. Appropriate containers shall be made available for hot drinks. Any person using equipment to prepare hot food must be competent to carry out the task, and ensure that they are fully aware of all instructions to use and clean the equipment. Only adults allowed to use this equipment, which must be kept on a level surface, supervised by an adult at all times. Club officials are responsible for ensuring that it is safe to use hot water containers or equipment to prepare hot food, taking into account the availability of a suitable surface, and the weather conditions. Any person using equipment must ensure that all electric cables do not cause a trip hazard, and that the plug is properly fixed into an electric socket.	Medium	During inclement weather conditions, club officials will determine whether it remains possible to use electrical equipment to prepare food or hot drinks.
Food Preparation	All surfaces used for preparing food must be kept in a clean state, and properly washed down both before and after the preparation of the food. Any food must be kept in appropriate packaging, and stored in accordance with the instructions contained on the packaging. Any food that is deemed to be unsuitable to eat must be disposed of in an appropriate manner.	Medium	Only competent persons are allowed to take responsibility for preparing hot or cold food.

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Use of changing facilities	The facility is checked by a Club official prior to its use for any game, ensuring that both changing rooms are free of any debris or articles that may constitute a risk. All debris is removed at the end of the game, and any chairs, tables, equipment, or other items are left in a manner whereby they would not constitute a risk to future users of the facility. For away fixtures, Club officials will determine whether there is a risk to using the assigned facilities.	Medium	Issues relating to changing facilities are reported to the Club Committee. Club officials will determine if there is a health and safety problem, and can determine if they should not be used, though, it should be noted that the WC facilities are based in the facility, and every effort should be made to enable continued access to WC's

The Club Risk Assessment is reviewed at the end of each season by the club committee and any amendments made to the Risk Assessment prior to the first game (including friendly games) of the following season.