**Brocton FC – Silkmore Lane Sports Ground, Stafford, St17 4JH (V 3, 27/8/20)**

**Method Statement and Action Plan for matches, re- Covid restrictions:** *As from 31st August 2020 BFC propose to operate as follows for Practice Matches and League / Cup Matches. (As the weeks and fixtures materialise there may be up dated versions issued to these instructions.) All below is an interpretation of FA and Government guidelines particularly those issued under* ***NLS Club Guidance Covid – 19 Return to Football document.***

**Personal:** *Everyone entering the ground should have carried out a self- assessment that they are Covid free and showing no signs or symptoms. Everyone is required to give details of their name and phone contact as BFC’s record for* ***TRACK & TRACE.*** *Anyone refusing will not be allowed into the ground.*

**Travelling:** *Everyone is encouraged to travel to the ground or matches individually, players should not car share outside their household or social bubble unless unavoidable. If it is unavoidable, players and the club members should take note of travel suggestions as detailed in* ***NLS Guidance doc. Section B Players Welfare.*** *Things like sharing with same people if you have to travel together, keep in small groups at any one time, open windows for ventilation, face away from each other, clean car between journeys internally and touch points, ask all to wear face masks, regularly hand sanitise, maximise seating distance, all to wash hands after journey,* ***should all be considered and observed.***

**Changing:** *If visiting teams can come already changed that is acceptable and is the safest way under the present circumstances, however if not the next item applies for teams changing.*

**Changing for both teams:** *Each team will have a changing room , for changing in relays of 8 players maximum. The room will be marked out with 8 changing positions and a cross over grid to the entrance/doorway to avoid close contact at cross over. Each player will need to get changed and put his clothing in his kit bag and leave in a suitable position or take to his car. The reverse will happen for changing back into original clothes.*

**Ensure no Brocton kit is taken off site as it is to be laundered.** *The home team kit to be collected and bagged by players/management for BFC to arrange laundry.*

**The room will be disinfected:**  *between sessions and prior to cleaning, with anti - Bacterial spray. There will be* ***Hand sanitisers*** *inside the changing room entrance for use by players and management going in and out of room prior to and after match.* ***PLEASE USE THEM!!***

*Unfortunately only limited* ***showering*** *can be allowed, due to the close proximity of shower heads and having to have relays for changing. Players encouraged to shower at home.*

**Match Officials:** *to organise their changing in the Officials Changing room in relays.*

**Players and Officials***; are to respect and abide by these instructions and to the signage which is placed at points around the ground and on BFC web site.*

**Match Requirements:** *Trainers/Coaches are to disinfect balls taken out and bought back from field of play.*

*Both* ***Dugouts*** *will have additional seating provided to allow spacing of 1meter +*

*All players are to provide their own* ***drinking bottles*** *which can be filled at drinking water point in each changing room.*

**Management briefings** *- will have to be external due to spacing requirements in changing rooms.*

**Physio room** – *only access one at a time. Physio to operate under FA guidance with appropriate PPE. when carrying out physio work. Cleaning of equipment after each consultation. The Physio room may need to double up as* ***first aid room*** *for players and members of the public so hygiene and cleaning is a priority.*

*BFC members will arrange* ***cleaning up*** *after matches – gloves and masks can be worn indoors.*

**Supporters allowed into ground:** *Silkmore Lane Sports Ground has 100 seated grandstand and 100 standing grandstand and both will be marked to indicate social distancing.* ***There will be a one way system ‘into and out’ of each grandstand*** *and a foot operated hand sanitiser for use at entry. Supporters wishing to view the game from around the perimeter rail will be asked to social distance and markings on perimeter pathway at 2m distances. BFC will be operating the ‘Step Ground Capacity’ recommendation’s i.e.* ***Stage 1 – 150 capacity and Stage 2 capacity of 300 for steps 5&6*** *.Step 2 can be implemented once step one has been tried and tested (at least one match)*

*At entry to ground supporters on foot or by vehicle will be asked to provide information for* ***track and trace.*** *Payment for entry can be taken by touch card although it is expected that cash will need to be taken also. Toilets are available - Ladies currently with a one in one out facility. Gents will have notices to indicate limit on numbers entering and social distancing. Toilets will be cleaned after every match or training session.*

**Serving of Hot drinks** *only and chocolate bars will be available at the normal* ***external window servery****. Customers will be expected to handle their own change and charges will be made at multiples of £1.00*

**Visiting club officials** *will be entertained in Hospitality room – in relay for drinks prior to and half time only. Limitation on numbers to ensure social distancing. Max 10 in committee room. Paper cups only.*

*The* ***club room and bar*** *will be open for use by supporters, before and during the match and will be laid out with tables and chairs socially distanced and numbers will be limited to suit the layout and seating. The room will be available for footballers after the match for drinks only. No food will be available after the match. A foot operated hand sanitiser will be positioned outside the entrance door. Tables will be placed in front of the bar to restrict customers getting to close to the counter and staff will wear face coverings. There is a separate toilet for the club room and can be used on a one in one out basis, and queuing will be marked for socially distancing. Cleaning in Club Room, corridor, toilet and kitchen will be after every match or use of the rooms.*

*The above is not exhaustive and will be added to from time to time and is an attempt to ensure we are as ‘Covid Safe’ as possible and everyone is asked to respect and cooperate with our instructions and those of the NLS Guidance documents.*

**Thanks and enjoy the game - Management of Brocton FC**