



# **FAI Safe Return To Training Protocol Adult Amateur and Underage Football**

## **Ballinhassig A.F.C. COVID-19 Team Compliance Officer Role and Responsibilities**

## **Introduction**

The status of the current COVID-19 pandemic is an ever changing and evolving situation and these guidelines will, at all times, be in line with and guided by Government and Public Health policy. Training can only take place in line with the FAI Safer Return to Training Protocol.

The club has decided to have one COVID-19 Compliance Officer per team, working with the Club Compliance Officer (Anthony O'Donovan). A COVID-19 Compliance Officer who is appointed to teams with underage players is required to have up to date Garda Vetting and completed Safeguarding 1 training. This person's role will be to attend and observe the training session, keep a record of attendees at all training sessions for contact tracing purposes, and liaise with the Coaches and Club Compliance Officer on the processes and procedures around the training facility and training session content. This person should be familiar with the Government, Department of Health, and Public Health Policies in relation to COVID-19.

## **Role and Responsibilities**

The Team Compliance Officer should work with the Coach to ensure the following:

### **Training Venue, Facilities and Equipment**

- Check that COVID-19 signage is visible throughout the training facility.
- Ensure that no changing rooms or showers are used.
- Ensure that sanitary facilities are accessible for players and coaches.
- Ensure that there is sufficient soap and sanitiser before each session. Restock from extras in the Meeting Room as needed. Ensure the Club Compliance Officer is informed if stocks are running low.
- Ensure that all training equipment, including goalposts are sanitized before and after every training session.

## **The Training Sessions**

- Ensure that the group numbers specified in the FAI Safer Return to Training Protocol are adhered to:
  - Adult Training | Group of 25 (24 players & minimum of 1 coach)
  - Underage Training( up to U12) | Group of 18 (16 players & minimum of 2 coaches)
  - Underage Training (U13 and older) | Group of 22 (20 players & minimum of 2 coaches)
- Ensure that only essential personnel access the training pitch/area
- Ensure that the training area meets the minimum size for the group (Upper training pitch has a max of 9, lower training pitch max of 15 with 1 group per pitch)
- Ensure that social distancing is adhered to by all players and coaches when accessing and leaving the training area
- Ensure contact is kept to a minimum during the training session, as per FAI Safe Return to Training Protocol.
- Ensure players, coaches and parents refrain from congregating at the venue or car park during pick-ups and drop-offs.

## **Coaches and Players**

- Ensure that the coaches and players understand and adhere to their responsibilities, as set out in the FAI Safe Return to Training Protocol.
- Keep a record of attendees at all training sessions for contact tracing purposes.

## **Reporting**

- Regularly liaise with, and report to, the Club Covid Compliance Officer and relevant coach(es) regarding the training sessions and adherence to the FAI Safe Return to Training Protocol.