



Largs Colts

Covid Matchday Protocols

For Coaches, Players and
Spectators

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Football is back! – well kind of

- It's been over 4 months since the SYFA called a halt to the football season back in December 2020 when we entered a second national lockdown.
- Match football seems a distant memory and we understand that players, coaches, parents and guardians are eager to see the kids back playing football.
- Whilst the SYFA have given permission for leagues to commence there are number of changes every team must follow to ensure matches can continue.
- This document sets out the protocols that every Largs Colts team must follow during matchday. It is vitally important that guidance in this document is followed, or we run the risk of jeopardising the continuation of the competitions.
- Most importantly these protocols are design to keep everyone safe.

Important

- This document outlines the conditions Largs Colts Football Club require all teams to adhere to on matchdays at the Bowencraig pitches to protect the health of all users.
- This reflects existing guidance from the Scottish Government and SFA. This revision of the document reflects the latest Government guidance with respect to spectators.
- Each team's COVID Officer should understand how to implement and establish Red, Amber and Green zones and communicate this clearly to each member of their team.
- If clear breaches of these conditions are identified, Largs Colts reserves the right to prevent teams from using the facilities.

Facility Protocols

- **Access –** Car parking facilities in the adjacent to the marina shall be used. Home teams shall be escorted by a parent to the park 20 minutes prior to kick off. Away teams enter the parks 15 minutes prior to kick off.
- **Egress -** Upon conclusion of the fixture(s) parents shall remain in the spectator area until their child had been collected before leaving the pitches. Away teams shall leave first before Home teams 5 minutes later.
- **Parents must ensure that 2m social distancing is maintained as the move between the car park and the spectating area. Once on the parks the players should make their way to their respective areas.**
- **Changing and Toilet Facilities –** Note that there that the changing rooms will not be available to either home or away teams and shall be accessed only by players to use the bathroom.
- **Water bottles and juice bottles brought to matches should return home with players to be washed or disposed of. Note that any bottles left behind cannot be kept and will be disposed.**

Facility Protocols (cont.)

The following zones have been set up to keep the team bubbles separate from the spectators. It is very important that the rules below are followed. Any spectator not sticking to these rules will be asked to leave.

- **Red Zones** – This zone shall only be entered by players, coaches and match officials during matches (including break periods and warm-up/cool downs). The red zone is defined as the marked pitch being played on.
- **Amber Zones** – This zone is defined as the walking areas between and on the pitches for all players, coaches and spectators.
- **Green Zones** – Spectator areas have been defined by a solid yellow line alongside the 7s & 11s pitches. This line shall not be crossed at any time. Within the green zone parents must socially distance. Note that during 9 a side matches the white line of the 11s pitch will serve as the spectator boundary.

Matchday Equipment

- Access to the storage container will be restricted to the coaches only.
- Each team should ensure that they have all relevant matchday equipment. Thereafter the equipment will be the responsibility of the designated team official.
- One team official from Largs Colts shall ensure that all Goals, Corner flags and match balls are sprayed/wiped with disinfectant prior to and after the conclusion of the matches.
- It is the COVID officer's responsibility to ensure that disinfecting prior to and after matches is carried out.

Spectators

- In line with the SFA and Government guidelines we are only permitted to allow one parent per child to spectate. We understand this may be disappointing for some however it is an improvement on last years guidance.
- Parents must follow the guidance signage and stick to the green zone areas when spectating. Social distancing must always be maintained.
- Please note that the Scottish Government's advise also extends to the car park area. We expect parents/guardians to police one another.
- First Aiders will require enhanced PPE to carry out any first aid on injuries.
- No dogs allowed on the pitches.

Mini Kickers

- All children shall arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the session. Please stick to the indicated entry/exit routes.
- All Parents/Guardians shall register on arrival as they arrive through the gate. On drizzly days registration will be at the changing rooms.
- Pre-school children's parents must remain with their child. P1-3 parents can leave their child with the coaches but are encouraged to stay.
- Spectators must remain behind the yellow lines in the green zones as indicated in the later slides.
- No dogs allowed on the pitches.

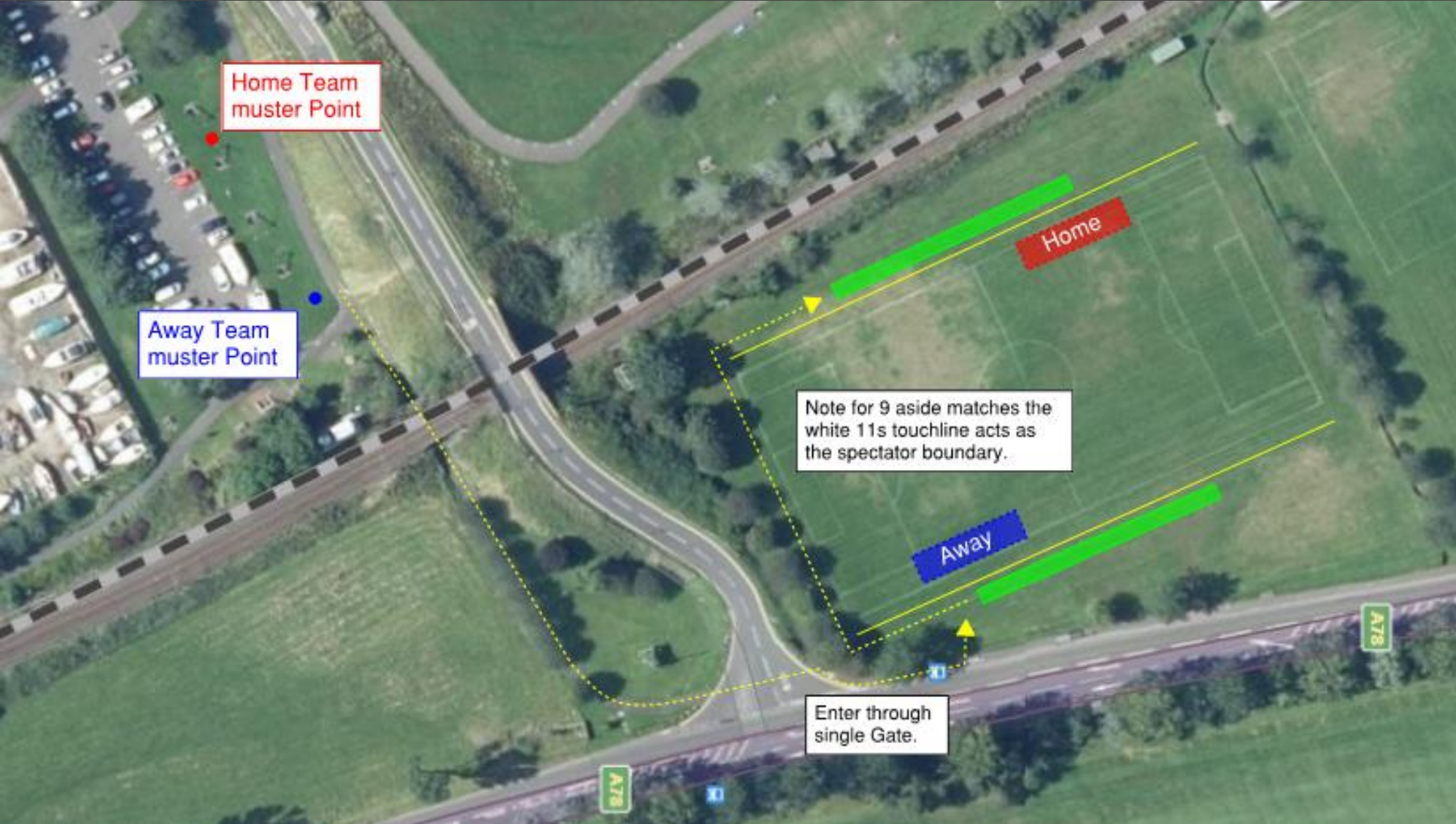
COVID symptoms or a positive test

- In line with Scottish Government advise anyone who has COVID symptoms should self isolate and contact the NHS. Children should not attend training/matches if they or someone within their household displays symptoms.
- If someone during training or matches displays symptoms of COVID they should be directed to follow the test and protect guidelines of the Scottish Government. This means they shall be removed from the session/match and isolated from the rest of the team until collected and transported home by a parent/guardian.
- NHS Test & Protect team will contact the Largs Colts Covid Co-Ordinator should any positive COVID test be linked to a player or coach who has used the facility. The Largs Colts Home team COVID officer will be responsible for contacting the opposition COVID officer in such a circumstance. Registers will then be used to identify close contacts who will then be contactable. This demonstrates the importance of maintain accurate registers.
- If a coach is made aware of a positive test voluntarily from the individual team member, parent or guardian, the team coach should get in touch with the club COVID Co-Ordinator for further guidance and precautionary action will likely be no further training or matches for the team until NHS Test & Protect has been in touch.

Matchday times, Pathways and Areas

- As access is limited around Bowencraig entry/exit times shall be staggered for the Home and Away teams e.g.
 - *Home Team Arrive 20 minutes prior to kick off and make way to pitches*
 - *Away Team Arrive 15 minutes prior to kick off make way to pitches*
 - *Match Kick off*
 - *Away Team Leave approx. 5 minutes after match has concluded.*
 - *Home Team Leave approx. 10 minutes after match has concluded.*
- Largs Colts have established “pathways” and “areas” to minimise contact between teams.
- Away teams shall not make their way to the pitches until the home teams are in their designates area. Similarly the Home team shall not leave their area until the Away team have left the parks.
- *For 7 a side games team are currently still not permitted to swap therefore an agreement between the home and away coaches should be made with respect to game time prior to kick off.*

Arrival 9s & 11s



Departure 9s & 11s



Arrival Mini Kickers



Departure Mini Kickers



Car Park

If pitch is in use please use same gate you entered to exit.

Exit through double Gates.

Alternative Exit.

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Pencil View



Role of Team COVID Officer

This is an important role and requires the individual to be responsible for the following:

- Ensuring players are registered and insured to undertake friendlies. No team can play without players being registered.
- Communicating facility protocols to home and away teams.
- Ensuring match is sanctioned and supported by permit where required.
- Ensure pitch is booked and confirmed with the Largs Colts Facility Co-Ordinator.
- Ensuring pitches have been set-up and any equipment used has been disinfected prior to use.
- Maintenance and submission of COVID register of players/coaches and contact details for opponents COVID Officer.



Thank you for supporting the Protocols
in place and ensuring that the children
can continue to play football in a safe
environment.

If you have any concerns or any
suggestions for improvement, please
speak to your Covid Officer.