



# Lydney Town AFC Youth Risk Assessment

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KEY	High	Great Impact
	Medium	Potential Impact
	Low	Minimal Impact

Risk / Impact Hazard	Likelihood	Control Measures	Notes
<b>Child Protection</b> - Physical & emotional harm - Criminal action - Press and social media - Financial loss - Liability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All committee and coaches DBS checked and completed safeguarding courses</li> <li>- Maintain Ratios according to FA and NSPCC Guidance</li> <li>- Photographing with consent only</li> <li>- Club Welfare Officer oversight</li> <li>- Reporting structure in place</li> <li>- Social Media awareness</li> <li>- Club policies in place</li> <li>- First Aid kits and training</li> <li>- Protection against weather</li> <li>- Everyone's responsibility to maintain safeguarding</li> <li>- Always adult present</li> </ul>	
<b>Goalposts</b> - Physical injury and harm - Damage to equipment - Damage to property - Liability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Portable goals secured and checked by coaches at start of session</li> <li>- Permanent goals only moved by appropriate number of people</li> <li>- Goals regularly checked for damage</li> <li>- Coaches monitor inappropriate use of goals</li> <li>- Manual handling considerations when moving or lifting goals or nets</li> <li>- When securing nets, step ladder provided, and caches encouraged to use</li> <li>- Parents to assist only when coaches present</li> <li>- Nets should not be put up when alone</li> <li>- Damaged nets should be reported as they pose a hazard</li> </ul>	
<b>Weather</b> - Physical & emotional harm - Damage to equipment - Damage to property - Liability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grounds person to decide on whether pitch playable in expected severe weather</li> <li>- Coach/referee have responsibility to play or cancel game</li> <li>- All players and parents encouraged to wear protective clothing against weather</li> <li>- When severe weather occurs, all games and training are stopped</li> <li>- No games or training during thunderstorms</li> <li>- Reporting structure in place of concerns and expectations not met</li> <li>- Hydration essential in all weather, particularly hot weather</li> <li>- Sun cream encouraged to parents and coaches</li> <li>- Caps encouraged</li> </ul>	
<b>Dog Fouling</b> - Physical & emotional harm - Unhygienic - Damage to land - Damage to property - Liability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No dogs permitted on pitch or grass area</li> <li>- Any dogs with owners will be asked to leave</li> <li>- Any dog fouling will be removed</li> <li>- Coaches to inform parents and opposition of No Dog rule</li> <li>- Signage at many points of venue</li> <li>- Everyone's responsibility to prevent dogs on field</li> </ul>	
<b>Pitch Conditions</b> - Physical harm - Damage to land - Damage to property - Financial impact - Liability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coach/referee to be satisfied that pitch is safe and playable</li> <li>- Ground person of land can cancel games if poor weather</li> <li>- Bins provided</li> <li>- Signage on site</li> </ul>	

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Footwear	- Physical harm - Injury to equipment - Liability		- Appropriate footwear to be worn on appropriate surface - Laces to be fastened - If not appropriate footwear, player will be stopped playing	
Shin Pads	- Physical Harm - Liability		- Shin pads to be worn at all times during training or games - Coaches responsible for adhering to rule - Players will be asked to stop if not wearing shin pads	
Jewellery	- Physical Harm - Liability		- All jewellery must be removed or taped before a session - Referee or coaches responsible for compliance - Individuals in older age groups (Over 12) to be responsible also	
Players, Parents, Spectators and officials conduct	- Physical & emotional harm - Financial impact - Liability - Damage to property or land - Criminal action		- Referee decision final for games - Club rules and policy in place - Respect barriers should be used - Reporting of misconduct essential and process in place - Offenders should be asked to leave - Zero Tolerance to any misconduct	
Physical Injury	- Physical harm - Financial impact		- Warm up for all sessions led by coached - Emergency action plan in place - First aid kits and defibrillators available - Coaches trained in use of defib and first aid - Shin pads must be worn - Drinks must be available	
Refreshments	- Physical harm - Liability - Financial impact		- Regular visual checks on condition of equipment - Reporting of any identified risks - Food hygiene certificates in place - Checklist in place for staff - No large amount of cash stored - First aid kit and training - Allergy information displayed - Only staff over sixteen permitted to cook and use knives etc - Good handwashing practices - Lids used for hot drinks - Bins provided	
Vehicles	- Physical Harm - Damage to land - Damage to property		- Parents responsible for drop off and collection and safety in car park - No cars permitted on track or field during sessions	
Security	- Damage or loss to property - Damage to land		- Keys issues to coaches - Coaches to report if keys lost - Last person to leave must lock property	