

6v6 Risk Assessment for Training and Matches – Covid-19 specific, Strood Volleyball Club



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LOW RISK (score 1-6)	Acceptable
MEDIUM RISK (score 8-10)	Task should only proceed with control measures
HIGH RISK (score 12-25)	Task must not proceed . Evaluate and reduce risk

Risk Rating (R) = Likelihood (L) x Severity (S)		HAZARD SEVERITY (S)					
		1	2	3	4	5	
		Negligible No absence from work	Slight Minor injury / illness	Moderate Injury or illness absence from work	High Single person suffering serious injury or illness & long-term absence from work	Very High Multiple persons suffering serious injury or illness & long-term absence from work	
LIKELIHOOD (L)	1	Very Unlikely	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
	2	Unlikely	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
	3	Possible	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	4	Likely	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
	5	Very Likely	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH

HAZARD	PERSONS AFFECTED e.g. Members of public, workforce etc.	RISK			CONTROL MEASURES	RESIDUAL RISK		
		L	S	R		L	S	R
Training Facilities and Equipment Transfer of virus via equipment used in session. Transfer of virus within the location	Employees at venue Coaches Athletes Public	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning and wiping down all equipment with sanitiser before and after sessions. Having a limited number of balls to reduce overall risk of transfer. Only use essential equipment. Team benches to be sanitised between sets or not shared. 	2	3	6

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Transfer of virus as a result of increased interaction between athletes, coaches and staff, and even public	Athletes, coaches and wider staff and public	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit number of people in training sessions. Maximum 30 in a training session (including coaches). No other staff members to be present. It is recommended that for junior training sessions, Volleyball England's safeguarding policy is adhered to, meaning there are a minimum of two adults for 12 juniors taking part in training. For tournaments a maximum number of people to be restricted to 30. Athletes and coaches to maintain two metre social distancing at all times during sessions other than specified technical training phases (see below). Athletes and coaches to avoid all unnecessary contact such as handshakes or hand slaps. Athletes and coaches to hand sanitize during breaks. Athletes to avoid sharing all personal equipment (drinking bottles, therabands, towels etc.) All Participants should keep their personal belongings at least two metres apart and away from the playing area. Maintain the same 'social bubble' of athletes and coaches involved in training sessions to minimise risk of transfer from outside parties. Travel to sessions under government guidelines with social distance. Avoid unnecessary activities associated with sporting development during training session (e.g. no group briefings, meetings, season planning, which could be conducted online at a later date) Conduct drills that will remain purposeful but can be performed at an appropriate social distance. The club will assist NHS Test and Trace by keeping a temporary record of our participants for 21 days, in a way that is manageable for our club, and will assist NHS Test and Trace with requests for that data, if needed 	2	3	6

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<p><u>Sport Specific Activity</u> <u>Defining Specific Incidents in Indoor Volleyball</u></p> <p>It is a fair statement to say that Indoor Volleyball is NOT a contact sport, and that the close-contact exposure risk is low. The main incidences where contact may occur and result in intrusion into the two metre social distance radius:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Blockers and hitter being in close vicinity to of one another alas on opposite sides of a net, occasionally brushing hands (e.g. jousting) Colliding or making contact with one's partner on the same side of the net e.g. chasing a ball in defence, going for the same ball in serve receive. During some drills, players may find themselves within two metres of another athlete's e.g. passing and setting drills, where one person acts as a target and can find another athlete close to them due to an errant pass. Players making contact in breaks of play to slap hands with partner or opponents. <p>The risks associated with points 3 and 4 can be easily controlled by avoiding these drills (on point 3, targets can simply adjust to make sure they don't come into contact should this occur). The likelihood of incident occurring is very low, sometimes not occurring at all across the course of a training session, and would fall into what government advice deems as appropriate to break the two metre social distance boundary.</p> <p>However, incident one is likely to occur frequently in a game situation with a blocker and a hitter. Whilst this may be frequent, this does not involve any direct contact and does not occur for extended durations of any more than one to two seconds. If athletes follow the above personal hygiene guidelines during water breaks and before and after sessions, the this should be able to be performed safely and fall into what government advice deems as appropriate to break the two metre social distance boundary.</p> <p>This makes Volleyball a low risk sport in general in terms of resuming group training, taking into account the above.</p>	Athletes Coaches	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL OF THE ABOVE CONTROLS Avoid all drills in sessions where physical, hand to hand contact may occur Structure drills that remove risk of unpredictability in some cases that may result in contact e.g. randomised defence Maintain two metre social distance at all times and in all other drills when not involved in the incidences outlined above. 	2	3	6

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All indoor volleyball matches	Athletes Coaches Officials Spectators Other sports centre users	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials to brief team captains before the start of matches regarding the controls in place. • Travel under government guidelines with social distancing. • Restrict group of players to the minimum number to safely and competitively play the matches. • Players to travel in match kit to avoid using changing rooms on arrival. • One member of coaching staff plus one medical member as bench personnel. • No line judges to be used. • Referees to use electronic hand held whistles. • Scorer to be located at least two metres from playing zone • One ball system to be adopted with the ball cleaned with sanitizer during official timeouts which will take place for a period of 60 seconds when the first team reaches 15 points in 6v6 indoor games with sets up to 25. Players will also sanitise or wash their hands at this point in games. • No sharing of equipment for players including drink bottles, any items of kit or warm up equipment. • No hand slapping between points. • No pre- or post-match handshakes between teams and officials. • Officials will have powers to sanction/expel players or bench personnel for serious breaches of COVID-19 controls 	2	3	6