

Safety briefing – Speaking Notes for SWCFC and SWPSG Coaches

A new addition to the FA guidance is to require a safety briefing before competitive matches and training when breaking social distancing. The aim is to remind players of the basic parameters, which they should have already been made aware. On the first occasion that it is read aloud to your group, please ensure that all of the language is understood. Version 1 will be appropriate for most ages. Version 2 is an alternative for younger player groups.

Safety briefing (1)

We're all familiar now with keeping a distance of 2m as a Covid-19 precaution. With approval of The FA and the UK Government, we're allowed to break social distancing rules for competitive football activities. When the play isn't competitive, such as before and after matches or during warm-ups, we must still keep our distance.

Please remember to avoid unnecessary contact, including handshakes, prolonged play set-up, or team celebrations such as high-fives. We must not handle the ball with our hands except where necessary (that is, for throw-ins or by the keeper), and we should use our feet to retrieve the ball if it goes out of play. Water breaks will be scheduled, bottles may not be shared, and there is strictly no spitting allowed. Should there be any injuries, a first-aid trained coach or helper will wear a mask, gloves and other PPE to approach the injured person. If you feel unwell at any time, please tell your coach right away.

Thanks for your attention. Enjoy your match!

Spectators briefing (optional)

Spectators are permitted and welcome, provided they are in groups of no more than 6 and are maintaining social distancing. Please do not retrieve the ball if it goes out of play – a player or match official will do this.

Safety Briefing (2) - alternative appropriate for younger players

*Note, text in **blue italics** may be omitted for training drills as opposed to a match*

For today's training/*match* we will need to practice 2m distancing from one another.

If we play a match then we can get closer BUT *during the warm-up, breaks, and* afterwards I will remind you we need to go back to 2m's apart.

We are asked not to give handshakes, high-fives or other celebrations.

Please only use you feet to control the ball. *In a match, we are also allowed to touch the ball for throw-ins.* Only the goalkeeper with **gloves** on can pick it up.

When we stop for a drink or a break, I will tell you. Please do not walk off for a drink without asking me.

Keep your water bottles to yourself. No sharing water and no spraying water or spitting water out.

If you are hurt and need first aid, then I (*or a helper*) will be wearing gloves and a mask (and maybe a visor and apron) to protect you and us whilst we check you are ok.