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SAFETY PLAN AND OPERATING HANDBOOK

The past several months have tested us as individuals, families and communities and we've quickly had to adapt to new ways of getting on with our lives as we return to the new "norm". The purpose of this handbook is to provide participants with information on how Fuse Soccer will manage and conduct experiences in the safest way possible. It sets out our support for our participants, their families and our team during these extraordinary times. Health and safety is our main priority and here we outline our safety procedures and protocols and explain how limiting the number of participants and reducing teams and group sizes will allow us to meet the appropriate social distancing guidelines while still providing the best experience possible. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you!

SAFE HANDS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Fuse have undertaken a review of our extensive safeguarding policy and created a handbook that allows us to deliver our experiences in a safe and enjoyable environment. Our attention to detail, safety protocols and thoughtful planning are key components in what makes Fuse Soccer the number one football experience and we have been working diligently, following all national and global mandates and recommendations to develop new protocols to ensure the safety for all those involved and will continue to monitor and adapt as we move forward together.



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FUSE SOCCER, NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

Now, more than ever, children need an outlet and an opportunity to play and have some organised FUN. Although all of us have experienced COVID setbacks, our children may have been hit hardest of all. Their social, physical and emotional health has suffered as they have been forced to stay at home and learn digitally. Their social and team activities have been put on hold while their general fitness has potentially decreased with each passing week. Sport is a conduit for friendships and physical growth and the benefits of exercise, team bonding, skill development, character development and learning good sportsmanship are critical to the overall health and wellness of our children.

CONDITIONS FOR REOPENING OF THE FUSE SOCCER EXPERIENCE

At Fuse Soccer, our priority is to provide an exceptional experience in a safe and effective manner. The health and wellbeing of participants, staff and families remains at the forefront of the experience. As a community we have a responsibility to maintain good standards of hygiene to protect ourselves and others. This includes, but is not limited to, washing hands regularly and being aware that viruses can spread through human contact and touching surfaces. In light of the recent pandemic, it is very important that our participants and staff understand what they must do if they develop any symptoms of COVID-19 (these include a high temperature, a new continuous cough, fatigue, diarrhoea and sickness, hoarseness, shortness of breath and a loss or change to the usual sense of smell or taste). We are combining the recommendations, guidelines and protocols of the government, local health care teams, Public Health England and the World Health Organization to provide the safest possible experience.

Our plan is also designed to be flexible. We will adapt to changes and recommendations in line with government guidelines.

INTERNAL FACTORS

- Our staff will be trained and prepared to operate under the NEW safety guidelines.
- We are ready to support physical/social distancing guidelines.
- Cleaning and sanitising procedures are in place and adequate supplies are available to properly execute these directives.
- Personal protection equipment (PPE) supplies are available for staff use.
- Hand sanitisers will be readily available to all players and staff. ANY player may ask permission, at ANY TIME to use sanitiser if he/she feels the need to do so.

FAMILY COMMITMENTS TO FUSE SOCCER EXPERIENCES

- To complete the daily health questionnaire.
- To monitor your child's health prior to the start of the experience.
- To communicate with Fuse Soccer staff openly about health concerns.
- To follow all policies and procedures to support a healthy community.



REIMAGINING A SAFER EXPERIENCE

We are not a risk-free environment but increased safety procedures have been created to minimise risk and provide participants with a memorable experience. At Fuse Soccer you will find the following safety changes that have been made specifically in response to COVID-19.

LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AT EACH SITE

We are limiting the number of registrants for each experience during the pandemic, ensuring that participants are in smaller and separate groups at all times.

PLAYERS IN THE SAME GROUP ALL WEEK

Participants will be placed in a group and on a team at the beginning of the week and will be in the same group all week with the same coach, limiting exposure to others.

SAFETY CHANGES: KEY MESSAGES

- Small groups stay together every day.
- Teach and reinforce handwashing and sanitising.
- Stay home when not feeling well and alert staff.
- Staff training.
- Screen participants and staff daily.
- Limit sharing of supplies and equipment.
- Face coverings for staff during social distancing when closer than 2 metres.



PARTICIPANT SCREENING

- Daily health questionnaire.
- Daily at-home health screenings by family caregivers.
- Daily arrival symptom screenings and temperature check.
- Monitoring health throughout the day.

STAFF SCREENING

- Daily health questionnaire
- Daily screening and temperature checks by medical staff.
- Health monitoring throughout the day.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worn at check-in/check-out and when not able to social distance during the day.

CLEANING & DISINFECTION

- Increased cleaning and disinfection at every location.
- Bibs/vests washed each night.
- Equipment sanitised after each day.

HANDWASHING

- Mandatory hand washing for participants and staff daily.
- Hand sanitiser available at each location.

REASONABLE CONTACT REDUCTION

- Group sizes will be limited to provide a player to staff ratio of 10:1.
- Social distancing practices will be implemented for all fundamentals and skill development.

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Fuse Soccer experience officials will assess all participants and staff daily.
- Quarantine areas will be established at all locations.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

DROP-OFF SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Full guidance will be emailed to all families prior to the first day of the experience.
- Parents/guardians should remain in vehicles at all times.
- Temperatures will be checked prior to exiting vehicle - they must be less than 37.5c/100.4 f to participate.
- Participants will sanitise their hands upon exiting vehicle.

PICK-UP SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Parents/guardians should remain in their vehicles at all times.
- Participants will sanitise their hands prior to drop off and pick up.

VISITORS

Fuse Soccer sites will be closed to visitors for Fuse experiences until further notice. Only essential visitors will be permitted with prior clearance from Fuse Soccer staff..

APPROVED ESSENTIAL VISITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

- Have temperature taken upon arrival; temperature must be less than 37.5c/100.4f to enter the site.
- All essential visitors will wear a face covering and maintain proper social distancing guidelines.

LUNCH/SNACK/TOILET/SANITISER BREAKS

- Experience participants and staff will wash hands and sanitise for all lunch/snack/restroom breaks.
- Experience participants and staff will bring their own lunch, snacks and water bottles/soft drinks.
- Recommend experience participants bring 3-4 drinks per day.
- Experience participants will eat snacks with their team.
- Groups will be properly spaced out for lunch to provide social distancing.
- The Fuse Soccer experience is a nut-free programme and requires all participants have nut-free lunches and snacks.





SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT

- Anyone (staff or participant) who displays symptoms of coronavirus can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS *testing and tracing for coronavirus* website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Parents/guardians of any participant showing symptoms will be contacted immediately.
- If a staff member shows symptoms, he or she will be sent home and instructed to seek medical attention.
- Any participant or staff member sent home will not be permitted to return without providing a negative COVID-19 test result.
- Fuse Soccer must be informed immediately if any member of a participant's household is symptomatic.
- If we become aware that someone who has attended the course has tested positive, we will contact our local health protection team. Based on their advice, we will send home people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact, and we will keep a record of this.

MISSED DAYS

- If a participant misses any day of the experience due to being quarantined or potentially exposed to an infected individual, they will receive a credit towards future Fuse Soccer experiences for days missed.





WHAT TO BRING

- All participants will be required to wear their Fuse Soccer shirt, shorts and socks each day.
- All participants should bring their Fuse Soccer issued football each day.
- Shirts, shorts, socks and football should be washed at home each day.
- All participants and staff should bring a bag/backpack, clearly labelled with their name, with the following items, which should be changed/washed on a daily basis if applicable.

1. Lunch box/cooler
2. Snack(s)
3. 3-4 beverages/water bottles/ large jug
4. Sunscreen (if applicable and MUST be self-administered)
5. Clean t-shirt and shorts
6. Hand towel
7. Rain jacket/waterproof
7. Appropriate mask that fits properly (if necessary)

All personal items must be labelled with the participant's full name.



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