

PRO SOCCER ACADEMY - Risk Assessment: 2017/18 Season			
HAZARD	CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE	RISK FACTOR	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES
<p>Goalposts (both permanent and temporary)</p> <p>Danger of collapsing</p> <p>Putting up and taking down of nets, including the use of ladders</p> <p>Injuries from metal hooks used to secure goal nets</p>	<p>Goalposts on pitch should be checked by coach before each training session/fixture.</p> <p>Portable goals must be anchored to ground, when in use, in accordance with FA and British Standards Institute advice. Goal posts/mini goals in the sports hall, which is used for training, must be moved/erected by PSA coach only.</p> <p>A minimum of two adults to put up and take down nets; step ladder, if used, to be held in place by one person</p> <p>Metal cup hooks are not to be used on permanent or portable goals, plastic ones should be used instead.</p>	<p>Medium/high</p>	<p>We follow FA and BSI guidelines when purchasing goal posts; if we use any goal posts supplied and maintained by a school or third party, we will report any defect to the school or third party.</p>
<p>Weather extremes</p>	<p>PSA Head Coach, Grounds-man, tournament organisers, referee, or manager can call the training/game off in extreme weather conditions. The interests and safety of the children are paramount, together with consideration for any officials or spectators.</p>	<p>Low/Medium</p>	

<p>General state of the pitch</p> <p>Uneven ground, or presence of holes/divots</p> <p>Presence of foreign objects</p>	<p>Groundsman regularly check state of pitch.</p> <p>Coach/Referee checks pitch before training/game, and during. PSA officials will consult with the referee if there are any concerns regarding the state of the pitch, and if they consider it to be a potential danger to the children or officials.</p> <p>Anyone representing PSA to assist in removing foreign objects from the pitch, or bringing the matter to the attention of a Coach or the Referee</p>	<p>Medium/high</p>	<p>Coach/Referee to check state of ground before the training/game(s) begins and during the entirety of the training/game. PSA Official will bring any relevant matters to the attention of the groundsman/referee</p>
<p>Balls</p> <p>Too hard</p> <p>Damaged (peeling leather)</p>	<p>Balls pumped to the appropriate pressure.</p> <p>Coach/Referee checks this at the start, and throughout the training/ game.</p> <p>Balls are thrown away when the leather peels off.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>PSA Coach/referee checks the pressure and suitability of balls used throughout training/game.</p>
<p>Footwear</p> <p>Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/ risk of injury) sharp studs</p>	<p>PSA Coach/Referee checks footwear for sharp studs before training/ matches.</p> <p>PSA officials regularly check whether footwear is appropriate</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>PSA are responsible for making sure their players wear footwear appropriate for the surface they are playing on, and to check their studs regularly.</p>

Jewellery	All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before training/match. Coach/Referee checks this.	Low	Each player to be responsible for removing their own jewellery before matches and training sessions.
Conduct of players, officials, spectators Dangerous play/physical violence; Abusive language Threatening behaviour Inappropriate comment or action	We play to FA rules, including the Respect Agenda. The referee can caution or send off players or officials in breach of these rules, and report any transgression by spectators. The club can be fined, have points deducted, or be threatened with removal from the League if behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable.	Medium	All parents, children, and school officials have been provided with the PSA code of conduct, and are reminded regularly of their responsibilities.
Physical injuries from normal play	<p>Players should warm up and cool down properly before and after matches and training sessions.</p> <p>There is access to an adequately stocked first aid kit, and a qualified first aider on site during play.</p> <p>Players with injuries or medical complaints should let these be known to their coach.</p> <p>Players must wear shin pads.</p>	Medium	<p>All coaches to have a relevant and up to date first aid qualification.</p> <p>Coach to children ratio adhered to at all times 1:16</p>
Dehydration/Exhaustion	Drinks are provided by individual players.	Medium	

<p>Lifting and Handling</p> <p>Taking equipment to/from vehicles</p>	<p>Any person taking equipment to or from vehicles, including equipment associated with the game itself, and any other relevant equipment, should ensure that they only carry equipment that they are able to lift, hold and carry without causing an injury to themselves or others.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	
<p>Nutrition</p>	<p>Children are encouraged to eat and drink appropriately.</p>	<p>Low</p>	
<p>Money</p>	<p>Receipts are issued for any money transactions.</p> <p>Any monies received or paid out on behalf of weekly subscriptions, or any other activity associated with PSA is recorded. PSA officials do not carry monies other than the above, in order to minimise any risk of loss or theft.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>PSA can increase subscriptions.</p> <p>PSA actively seeks sponsorship to increase funds or pay for specific equipment.</p>

<p>Loss of funds due to non-payment of subscriptions.</p>	<p>A record is kept of any subscriptions or monies received. If subscriptions are not received on behalf of an individual player, PSA has the right to remove that players' registration.</p> <p>The directors meet regularly to discuss the financial position of PSA, and can at any time discuss the level of subscriptions.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Subscriptions are normally payable on a termly or monthly basis, in order to reduce the risk of monies becoming outstanding, or individual debts too large.</p>
<p>Use of changing facilities</p>	<p>The facility is checked by a PSA official prior to its use for any training/ game, ensuring that both changing rooms are free of any debris or articles that may constitute a risk. All debris is removed at the end of the game, and any chairs, tables, equipment, or other items are left in a manner whereby they would not constitute a risk to future users of the facility</p> <p>For away fixtures, PSA officials will determine whether there is a risk to using the assigned facilities.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Issues relating to changing facilities are reported to the school. PSA officials will determine if there is a health and safety problem, and can determine if they should not be used, though, it should be noted that the WC facilities are based in the facility, and every effort should be made to enable continued access to WC's</p>

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