

DJML- Covid: What will we do?

WE WILL SUPPORT

- The league will offer online training for Covid officers and clubs
- Through fund raising projects such as Crowdfunding and sponsorship provide financial assistance to support Clubs with extra costs associated with Covid
- A league Covid Officer to contact directly for support
- Information on our social media and website to support clubs
- Sharing of good practice within the league
- Managers given a best practice document to help prepare and support them for matchdays
- Club Covid Officers are named in the handbook so easily contactable.
- League will establish links with Devon and Cornwall FA to ensure support from them for the league and clubs regards Covid.
- Where appropriate, league Covid, Respect and Welfare officers will work together to help support clubs to ensure the best matchday experience for all.
- Liaise with public health and local authorities to provide most up to date advice and information relating to all Covid.

WE WILL VISIT AND INSPECT

- Prior to any visits from league officers, all clubs will have had clear expectations and guidelines sent out from the league.
- League Officers will carry ID and make themselves known to the home and away managers, match official's and the team Covid representatives.
- The League Officer will arrive before the match start and aim to stay for the whole game.
- To help prevent transmission, league officers will keep socially distanced at all times and will ask the manager to show them required items, such as risk assessments, first aid kits and PPE. They will not handle these items themselves.
- The Officer will advise and support on easily remedied issues and ask for these to be rectified whilst they are in attendance at the game.
- Officers have the power to stop a game from going ahead if key procedures are not being followed or there is clearly no attempt to follow the Club's Covid risk assessment which cannot be rectified immediately on that day. Please note when game has started the full authority of the game rests with the referee.
- All league Covid and Respect Officers will Have received training and will carry out their duties in a consistent manner. Reporting sheets will be written up for all games attended and sent to Club Secretaries and Club Covid officers within 72 hours of the game being completed.
- League Officers will be fair and supportive. Officers linked to a club will not attend matches for teams that are in the same division as any of their club teams.

WE WILL TAKE ACTION

- Good practice seen will be acknowledged and shared.
- All visits will be followed up by a short report send to the club secretary and Covid officer.
- Reports will all contain positive practice seen, not just areas of improvement.
- Idea for rewards for good practice are being developed.
- Clear evidence of clubs not following FA guidelines will result in sanctions against the club and/or team.
- Sanctions given may include a fine, points deduction or ultimately removal from the league.
- A league Covid sub-committee (made up of at least 3 Executive members) will meet to decide the action to be taken in serious cases of guidelines being ignored and where sanctions against a club may need to be given.

