

## **APPENDIX A**

The Holder shall ensure that, whilst provisions of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (England Regulations 2020 (as amended) are in force, the procedures for the phased return of live sport are followed.

### **1. Consultation with the Certifying Authority**

The Certificate Holder will, consult with the certifying authority at the earliest opportunity to determine what amendments should be required to the General Safety Certificate in order to comply with any local authority stipulated changes.

### **2. COVID-19 Officer (CO)**

The Holder will appoint a named COVID-19 Officer (CO). The CO appointed by the Certificate Holder will be responsible for oversight of the risk and mitigation planning, communicating information to all User Groups and ensuring that the necessary standards are met. This individual does not necessarily have to be medically trained.

### **3. COVID-19 Medical Officer (Physician)**

The Holder will consult with the competition organiser appointed COVID-19 Medical Officer (Physician) who is familiar with the emerging evidence related to post-COVID-19 pathology, to have oversight of individuals with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 and ensure any suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases are managed in line with COVID-19 case management protocols and latest government guidance.

### **4. COVID-19 Competition Venue Operations Plan, and a COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan.**

The Holder, in collaboration with the Elite Sport Organisation(s), will develop a COVID-19 competition venue operations plan, and a COVID-19 risk assessment and mitigation plan. The Holder should ensure that the plans include the following considerations as a minimum:

- 4.1 An appropriate education programme for all User Groups with an emphasis on the maintenance of strict and frequent personal hygiene measures, particularly handwashing.
- 4.2 Processes and activities where Social Distancing cannot be easily maintained should be risk assessed and mitigated.
- 4.3 Limiting all non-essential activities, including catering, where possible.
- 4.4 Agreeing measures with the public services, such as police and ambulance providers, to minimise potential calls on their resources.
- 4.5 A map of the Competition Venue defining all areas/zones, routes and access/egress points.
- 4.6 The maximum capacity and layout for each room/area/zone within the Competition Venue to allow Social Distancing to be maintained.
- 4.7 Information on the management, movement and scheduling of User Groups and vehicles to allow Social Distancing to be maintained, wherever possible a one-way system for people and vehicles should be established, where possible, and measures implemented to reduce crossover of different User Groups.

- 4.8 Broadcast and media management plan to ensure that Social Distancing and hygiene requirements are met and minimise crossover with other User Groups.
- 4.9 A security plan, screening process and accreditation system that defines the access control system for the Competition Venue and the zones that are implemented to limit crossover between User Groups.
- 4.10 Those to be admitted should be issued with official accreditation specific to permitted access areas and limited to individual matches.
- 4.11 Measures to ensure that plans do not conflict with the Competition Venues' existing security and emergency action plans, and fire regulations
- 4.12 A signage plan to support the implementation of the guidelines
- 4.13 A medical plan that ensures that an appropriate level of medical staffing is in place within the stadium to manage any injuries or illness and the demands of any COVID-19 symptom screening process.
- 4.14 Measures to ensure any required practitioners or staff who have been assessed as requiring PPE will have access to it and are appropriately trained in their usage and disposal, as per the latest PHE guidance.
- 4.15 Arrangements for an isolation room and protocols to manage any person who becomes symptomatic at the Competition Venue, as per government guidelines for employers and businesses.
- 4.16 Arrangements to ensure that there is an uninterrupted supply of personal and hand hygiene equipment and consumables at the Competition Venue at all times
- 4.17 Measures to ensure that all areas of the Competition Venue are cleaned at the standard defined in the government guidance for post-COVID-19 case non-hospital facilities cleaning. High contact surfaces such as door handles, and light switches should be considered a priority for disinfection on a frequent basis.
- 4.18 Ensure compliance with statutory requirements, where relevant, including the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and any local authority-enforced health and safety requirements. See also BEIS Guidance on working safely during COVID-19
- 4.19 Periodically review their risk assessment and mitigation plans to assess their effectiveness, updating them for each Competition.

## **5. Testing and Inspection on Structures, Installations and Components at the Sports Ground.**

The Holder shall ensure that the local authority receive evidence that checks on structures, installations and components at the sports ground and all relevant maintenance and safety checks of plant/life safety systems and stored and drinking water have been undertaken during the closedown period. Additionally the required inspections and tests pre-event/event day/during event shall be undertaken by suitably qualified staff who will also be in attendance during the event.

## **6. Signage**

The Holder shall ensure that clear signage is installed inside of the sports ground showing those areas which are open for movement, and those which are closed and therefore out of bounds.

## **7. Alternative Means of Escape**

The Holder shall ensure that alternative means of escape are identified to ensure the safety of those inside the sports ground in the event that egress cannot be achieved through normal routes. All doors on these emergency escape routes shall be staffed by stewards to help facilitate and direct the movement to places of safety.

## **8. Fire Risk Assessment**

The Holder shall ensure that an updated fire risk assessment is undertaken, that takes account of the revised configuration and operation of the stadium. The assessment should be undertaken by a suitably qualified person.

## **9. Communication and Control**

The Holder shall ensure that communication and control is maintained at all times that the sports ground is open to ensure the safety and security of all people inside. This can best be done by utilising the existing match control point. Event management shall review the planning, operation and delivery of the following:

- Communications plan lines and means of communications
- Control point organisations required in attendance
- Radio communications/PA/CCTV
- Fire detection and alarm systems match day operation to be utilised with fire stewards in numbers appropriate to the identified risk.

## **10. Consultation with the Police**

In cases where fixtures to be played without spectators are identified as potentially presenting a risk of crowds gathering outside stadia and/or may lead to other public order issues, The Holder shall ensure that consultation takes place with the police to assess risks based on the latest local intelligence and identify suitable mitigations. Local police forces will advise on the current intelligence picture and be in receipt of national guidance from the UK Football Policing Unit.

Such mitigations may include for example club communications with fans, broadcasting or streaming games, or alteration to kick-off times. If the outcome of discussions is that the risks cannot be mitigated, consideration should be given by all parties to moving the match to a neutral venue.

## **11. Medical and First Aid Provision**

Notwithstanding that the event will be played under the “no spectator’s format”, The Holder shall ensure that there is at least the minimum level of medical team resource provision for those required to be in attendance.

The level of medical provision as required under the General Safety Certificate shall be in addition to any provision arising from the requirements of Government and sport governing bodies protocols. It is unlikely that trigger points as set out in the Green Guide would be reached, but the Guide should still be used as a source of reference and good practice.

## **12. Scalable Reduction of Steward and Medical Teams.**

The numbers of those accredited should be determined together with their expected viewing positions to enable amendment of the General Safety Certificate and any supporting Operations Manual and to assist in the development of a match specific Event Management Plan.

## **13. Media**

The Holder shall consider as part of match day planning any additional or alternative proposals put forward by broadcasters which differ from previously agreed, tried and tested arrangements. This may include for example additional advertising signage or new signage locations.

Normal pre-event planning and inspection should be carried out including for all television broadcast compound areas.