

RISK ASSESSMENT BALL CREW SEASON 2025/26

Hazard (something with the potential to cause harm)	What could go wrong?	Who may be harmed?	What is done now, that helps control the risk?	Is the risk still high, medium or low?	What extra controls need to be put in place?
Accidents whilst pitch side or onscoreboard duty during a match	child could be accidentally hit with a football child could fall down steps to the scoreboard	child	Children are told before each match to concentrate fully on the game. Children are told not to turn away from the field of play in order to talk to someone behind. Children are constantly monitored by FCUth facilitators and club welfare officer designated First Aider is in attendance at each match adults supervising children on scoreboard duty are told to walk behind the child on the way up the steps and in front of them when	med	ongoing reinforcement to children of hazards
Spectators/players not behaving in a correct manner towards the ball crew	Abusive language towards a member of the ball crew. Use of a smoke bomb/flare in the vicinity of the ball crew. Fighting between fans/players in the vicinity of the ball crew	Child	children are made aware that they MUST immediately report any threat/threatening or abusive behaviour to the adults on duty. Children are told to leave the pitch if any smoke bombs are ignited near to them. Children are taken from the pitch when there are any signs of trouble flaring up Adults walk around the pitch during matches to ensure the children are OK	Medium	match stewards to be made aware of potential hazards for the ball crew and to inform the welfare officer immediately of any concerns
Insufficient supervision of children	Children could get hurt or lost	children	first aid equipment in the changing room at all times Medical consent forms are signed by all parents to include any known medical problems/allergy Children are given appropriate outer wear depending on weather Responsible DBS checked adults on duty at all times Children are signed out at the end of each match by a parent/guardian	low	risk assessment each season updating any concerns
Surface of event area	Slips, trips, falls.	children	The ground is sometimes muddy/slippy and children are advised to wear appropriate footwear and to move around cautiously when necessary	Low	A qualified first aider is on site.

By when?	By whom?
ongoing	adults in charge on match days/safeguarding officer
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ongoing	Club safeguarding officer
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