



**FAI Safer Return To Play Protocol
Adult Amateur and Underage Football
Including Underage National Leagues**

**COVID-19 Compliance Officer Role and
Responsibilities**

Introduction

The status of the current COVID-19 pandemic is an ever changing and evolving situation and these guidelines will, at all times, be in line with and guided by Government and Public Health policy. Clubs are authorised to make a full return to playing friendly games from July 11th and competitive matches from July 18th.

Matches can only take place in line with the FAI Safer Return to Play Protocol.

All Clubs are required to appoint at least one COVID-19 Compliance Officer. This person must be a club member. A COVID-19 Compliance Officer who is appointed to teams with underage players is required to have up to date Garda Vetting and completed Safeguarding 1 training. This person's role will be to attend and observe the matches, keep a record of attendees at all matches for contact tracing purposes, and liaise with the Coaches, Match Officials and Club Chairperson on the processes and procedures around the match venue. This person should be familiar with the Government, Department of Health, and Public Health Policies in relation to COVID-19.

Role and Responsibilities

Match Venue, Facilities and Equipment

- Ensure that a COVID-19 Risk Assessment is carried out on the venue prior to its use.
- Ensure that COVID-19 signage is visible throughout the venue.
- Ensure that changing rooms are only used in instances where 2metres social distancing can be observed
- Ensure no showers are used until further notice.
- Ensure that sanitary facilities are accessible for Players, Coaches and Match Officials.
- Ensure that all equipment, including goalposts are sanitized before and after every match.

The Match

- Ensure that social distancing is adhered to by all players, coaches and spectators.

Coaches, Players and Match Officials

- Ensure that the Coaches and Players understand and adhere to their responsibilities, as set out in the FAI Safer Return to Play Protocol.
- Keep a record of Players, Match Officials, Coaches, Parents/Guardians, Volunteers and Administrators attending the match from your own club for contact tracing purposes.

Reporting

- Regularly liaise with, and report to, the Club Chairperson, relevant Coach(es) and Match Officials regarding the matches and adherence to the FAI Safer Return to Play Protocol.