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Coaches Update

### **Bradford Soccer 'Return to Play'**

**Bradford Soccer Club Announced on June 19th 2020 that the club was in preparation to return to the field following the instruction from Ontario Soccer, completion of our own 'Return to Play' Plan and completion of Canada Soccer's Online Risk Assessment Tool, receiving a Low Risk rating.**

**The Club, under obligation shared this plan with coaching staff on June 19th to allow a period of consultation and education of such plan.**

**By now, the Club expects that all coaching staff are familiar with the Return to Play Plan.**

With that, the Club now happily welcomes our Coaching Staff, registered Competitive and Academy players back to the field for our Phase One (1) training sessions.

Training Sessions will resume on June 28th 2020 in accordance with our Guidelines set out in our Return to Play Plan.

### **Phase One (1) of "Return to Play"**

This is not to be confused with the Province of Ontario's Phases regarding lifting of lockdown restrictions.

Bradford Soccer Club will fully support the decision of any members, players, coaches, officials and volunteers that feel uncomfortable with returning to the field at this time.

Positions within Teams/Rosters, Coaching Roles or club Administrative Roles will not be lost should you not yet wish to return.

We ask that you please consider the welfare of any persons that you may live with such as, persons with any underlying health conditions and/or persons over the age of 65 that may be particularly susceptible to Covid-19 BEFORE you consider returning to play.

Phase one (1) Return to Play comes with the following mandatory restrictions which must be followed. These include: **No Contact, No Competitive Drills, No Matches of any kind.**

The Club will also be implementing a “Feet Only” Protocol when using the ball which prohibits the use of hands or heading of the ball as suggested by Ontario Soccer.

The Club notes that for Coaching Staff, face masks and gloves are **mandatory**.

The Club **requires** coaching staff to encourage a relaxed and fun environment for participants upon return as set out by Ontario Soccer.

The Club **expects** coaching staff not to focus on a lack of technical ability or fitness during phase one (1) and two (2) of ‘Return to Play’.

Coaching staff are required to submit training plans to the Bradford Soccer Club board of Directors for approval and thereafter to Parents/Guardians and Players ahead of scheduled training sessions. **[At this time, training should be focussed on individuals]**

The Club suggests that Coaches assign each player to a designated area of the field for **all** training sessions as set out in the field diagrams of the return to play document.

The Club is required to carry out ‘Contact Tracing’ protocols. Any person attending a training/ game session will need to be logged, including name, date of birth, address, and the times of arrival and exit of the facility.

In addition, there is a specific set of Recommendations and Guidelines for Coaching staff.  
**[Enclosed]**

Before returning to the field we **require** signed waivers (enclosed with his letter), as per Ontario Soccer. (these are Legal Documents and if you are unsure about signing, the club recommends seeking independent legal advice)

Coaches are also required to complete a Health Questionnaire for **every** training session.

Please use the check list below to ensure all requirements are met.

All paper work **must** be completed prior to coming to the training facility.

The Club will be appointing ‘Field Marshals’ at the locations used for training sessions to oversee the operations and to ensure adherence to the guidelines as set out by the club.

If members, participants, parents/guardians, staff or officials fail to follow the guidelines as set out by the club, marshals will have the authority to shut down the operation.

Whilst these restrictions are different from our usual operations, they are designed to mitigate potential transmission of Covid-19 between participants, staff, volunteers and officials.

If you have any Questions please send an e-mail to [letsplay@bradfordsoccer.com](mailto:letsplay@bradfordsoccer.com)

The Club is looking forward to returning to the field.

Thank you and stay safe!

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## **Bradford Soccer Club Pre Training Checklist**

### **What we require for the First Training Session.**

Coaching Staff

1. Completed Release of liability, waiver of claims and indemnity agreement. [Enclosed]
2. Completed Declaration of compliance – COVID-19. [Enclosed]
3. Signed Copy of Coaching Guidelines [Enclosed]
4. Completed Health Questionnaire [Enclosed]
5. Deliver training plans to Board of Directors for approval.  
(Noting Equipment Restrictions and Guidelines)
6. Digitally engage with Players/Parents/Guardians prior to sessions.

### **What we require for Subsequent Training Sessions.**

Coaching Staff

1. Completed Health Questionnaire [Enclosed]
2. Deliver training plans to Board of Directors for approval  
(Noting Equipment Restrictions and Guidelines)
3. Digitally engage with Players/Parents/Guardians prior to sessions.

### **Personal Equipment (Players/Coaching Staff)**

In order to ensure that no equipment is shared or handled by other persons, Bradford Soccer Club **\*\*Requires\*\*** that Players and Coaching Staff bring with them a suitable sports bag to store additional footwear and clothing (Tracksuit Top etc) whilst not in use. This personal sports bag is to be located at a designated point in the training area, away from another persons bag **at all times.**

**If you have any Questions please send an e-mail to [letsplay@bradfordsoccer.com](mailto:letsplay@bradfordsoccer.com)**