This risk assessment document is in relation to activity immediately before, during and post powerchair football activity. We encourage you to consult with FA risk assessment documentation for guidance with additional footballing areas.

**WFA Risk Assessment Guidance example – competition events**

Competition COVID officers should review and update this template in line with the specific situation and circumstances of your venue. This may mean adding or removing items from this risk assessment – ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure that this is comprehensive and correct for your competition/venue.

Clubs should follow their current risk assessments in relation to areas such as their pre activity preparation, equipment and post-activity requirements

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| **Date of assessment** | **Person undertaking assessment & contact number** | **Competition name** | **Venue address** | **Risk assessment no.** |
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| **Type of activity**  | **No. of people attending session** | **Duration of activity** | **Checked by (name) league/competition member:** |
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Identified Risks:

* COVID-19 is highly infectious
* Infection aided by a lack of 2m distancing
* Infection through droplets and aerosols from individuals which could subsequently be inhaled into the lungs.
* Infection through touching a surface, object, or the hand of an infected individual that is contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes.
* Powerchair community features members with pre-existing health conditions, and most are clinically extremely vulnerable, making them more susceptible to infection and/or experiencing a more severe consequence of infection.

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| **Area of Risk** | **Who is at risk & how?** | **Risk rating: Red, Amber, Green (RAG)** | **Solution(s)/mitigation** | **Person(s) responsible** | **Solution/mitigation RAG rating?** | **Review post activity & by whom** |
| Pre-competition | Competition staff/volunteersFrom general airborne transmission | R | * Everyone aware of their responsibility to follow WFA guidance.
* Everyone to follow the procedures as described by the competition COVID lead
* Everyone reminded of responsibility not to attend if they have had Covid-19 symptoms or they have been contacted by ‘track & trace’ system
* Everyone, where possible, to wear masks, & maintain distance from each other of at least 2m
* Everyone to provide NHS Covid vaccination status
* Everyone strongly encouraged to present a negative LFT result taken as close as possible to the event, for each day of the event
* Limit to one personal assistant, where possible
 | All personnel | G |  |
| R | * Session numbers guided by 100 sq. ft. (9 sq. metres) per attendee
* Attendees details recorded in advance for track & trace purposes
* Covid Officer to be aware of general prevalence in local population from government statistics.
* Event to be cancelled in event of local full or partial lockdowns
* Hand sanitiser stations to be set up inside door of building & in sports hall.
* Use of an infrared thermometer & test at the beginning of a session
 | COVID officer | G |  |
| Competition Equipment  | Competition staff/volunteersSurface to hand to face transmission from multiple people touching surfaces | R | * Minimise number of people handling equipment
* Competition equipment handled by competition officials only
* Wiping down of equipment to take place at the end of the competition
* PA to only handle chairs/bumpers of the player they care for.
* Minimise number of people handling equipment.
* Household groups to remain at least 2m apart
* Hoist to be placed in designated area to allow for operation at least 2m from other players and where 2m queuing is possible
* Hoist to be cleaned with disinfectant wipes between users paying special attention to bar, handles, handset.
* Players to use own sling
* Hands to be sanitised before & after hoist use
 | All personnel | G |  |
| Venue & facilities | Competition staff/volunteers/Coaches/personal assistants/playersFrom close proximity air transmission and surface transmission | R | * Everyone to follow the procedures as described by the competition COVID lead.
* All personnel to wear masks, unless specifically exempted to do so, in which case they must provide a negative LFT result.
* Queueing & entering at least 2m between household groups
* Clubs to be aware of sports facility entry/exit policy & communicate
* Where no automatic doors are in place, wedge doors open until last person has entered
* Clubs aware of designated places spread across allocated area to prepare chairs
* Clubs to be aware of facility policy (if any) for cleaning of toilet facilities and adhere to its procedures
 | All personnel | G |  |
| Pre-match Speed testing | Players/match officialsFrom general airborne transmission & from hand to surface to hand transmission  | R | * Match officials to wear masks during speed testing process
* Match referee conducting the speed test sanitise hands before conducting each player’s test or allow player to perform joystick deflection
* Players maintain 2m separation away from the speed test machine
 | Match officials | G |  |
| Game | Coaches/players/match officialsAir transmission | R | * Coaches to wear masks
* Players to be encouraged to wear mask/visor where disability allows and particularly if risk of coughing, sneezing, spittle etc. A player not wearing a mask must provide a negative LFT result.
* Shouting not to be used as method of communication unless in case of immediate danger - must use microphones to avoid shouting
* Communicate with players from at least 2m distance
* Only match officials to touch football with hands – all other personnel to kick football only
* Referee to call coach/PA when player needs any assistance, however minor
* Referee may remove mask with consent from both teams, given by club contact, prior to the event
* Use of a handheld squeezy or electric whistle rather than normal, breath whistle
* Players must use microphones to avoid shouting
 | All personnel | G |  |
| Post-match speed testing | Players/match officialsFrom general airborne transmission | R | * Match officials to wear masks during speed testing process
* Match referee conducting the speed test sanitise hands before conducting each player’s test or allow player to perform joystick deflection
 | All personnel | G |  |
| Post-competition | Competition staff/volunteersFrom general airborne transmission Surface to hand transmission from multiple people touching surfaces | R | * All personnel to wear masks, unless specifically exempted to do so
* Minimise number of people handling equipment
* Wiping down of equipment to take place
* Encourage prompt clean up and departure from venue
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| Ventilators being used by players in communal areas  | Coaches/players/parents/personal assistants/venue staffAir transmission | R | * Club to hold list of ventilator users & when they use the ventilator
* Users to self-assess risk before attending & inform club of risk level
* Low-risk users adopt at least 2m distancing when using ventilator
* Medium risk users must use ventilator in separate room

Note: Low-risk and medium-risk users are as defined in the Return-To-Football Guidance document. | Player / Parent / PADiscretionary | G |  |
| Ventilators being used by players during activity | Coaches/players/parents/personal assistants/venue staffAir transmission | R | * Club to hold list of ventilator users & when they use the ventilator
* Users to self-assess risk before attending & inform club of risk level
* Low-risk users play adhering to general rules in place to reduce transmission. Necessary mitigation for medium-risk individuals is to moderate their behaviour to become low-risk. Alternatively, all other participants could comply with full PPE regulations.
* Medium players unable to play until risk returns to low
 | Player / Parent / PADiscretionary | G |  |
| Cough-assist machines being used at venues | Coaches/players/parents/personal assistants/venue staffAir transmission | R | * Due to high-pressure of machines, cough-assistance and the use of suction machines to take place in separate room or, ideally outside the venue.
 | Player / Parent / PADiscretionary | G |  |