

Risk Assessment of Wanstead Youth Centre. Elmcroft Road Avenue, E11 2DB (see detail attached)

Arrangements have been made to book this facility for the coaching of our younger boys and girls on Saturday mornings commencing 15/01/2022 to 23/04/2022 excluding 16/04/2022, the bank holiday weekend.

The coaching program is designed to cover basic cricket skills using a soft ball. It is not suitable for players who are experienced with hard ball cricket but for those players who have played a little hard ball cricket or who are ready to develop to the hard ball game. For these players who we access are suitable it is proposed to arrange hard ball nets during March or April. Arrangements are also being made for hard ball nets at other locations by age group managers

The proposed Saturday morning timetable is

9:30 to 10:30 – boys and girls in years 5 and 6 (not for players fully competent in hard ball cricket)

10:40 to 11:30 – boys and girls in years 3 and 4

11:45 to 12:30 – boys and girls in years 1 and 2

‘Vision’, who manage the site on behalf of London Borough of Redbridge, Culture and Leisure, will invoice us later during the course. They will require a copy of our public liability insurance certificate, the names of our DBS checked coaches and a copy of this Risk Assessment

There are two important issues which could result in change to these proposals. Building work to replace the hall flooring which has been damaged by flooding. This work is expected to be completed by end March but how long the work will take is uncertain. Secondly, Covid related uncertainties; this RA assumes that we will be able to keep to the plan although at the present time there is considerable uncertainty whether this will be the case. The RA must be revisited prior to commencing the programme to confirm that we can proceed, subject to any required Covid measures in addition to those already identified in this RA.

The club’s “Covid-19 Risk Assessment” document dated 7/04/2021 is used as a template to identify risk and address measures to satisfactorily address such risk, to the extent that it applies to particular circumstances. The Wanstead Youth Centre, which we will use only as an indoor facility, is run by a highly experienced manager who has considerable knowledge of our needs. All main services are regularly serviced by Redbridge approved contractors. There will be a first aider on site, hand sanitiser, toilet and drinking water facilities. There is adequate heating. Ventilation is through numerous open doors and windows. Areas of floor damage will be satisfactorily screened. We have agreed a one way entrance and exit route through separate doors. Parents will be provided with a site plan and written instructions, with a register and payment through the club’s online ‘Slate’ booking system. One parent for year 4 and younger children is required, no parents are allowed to stay for older children. Maximum numbers per session have been agreed having regard to health and safety considerations. A copy of the coaching plan and this RA will be available on the website

Conclusion: subject to a review of the two significant issues referred to in this RA, and any other issues that may arise, based on our identification of the risks involved and the measures we are planning to take, Wanstead & Snaresbrook CC has concluded that the risks will be managed to a level acceptable to ECB requirements. This RA has been reviewed by the club’s Safeguarding Officer

Len Enoch, 16/12/2021

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Q1. Risk Assessment:

Does the Centre have a Risk Assessment?

Q1. Response:

Yes, we covered all important detail. Comprehensive approach

Q2. Risk Assessment:

Have any RA issues been identified that could result in the plans being disrupted? What is the response?

A2/1. Covid which is again causing considerable uncertainty. We will put a number of Covid related measures in place including hand sanitization, equipment cleaning at end of session, good coach/ player ratios (1:6, 16 players at any one session, max 20 players) one way entry and exit system, limitation on number of parents (only one for younger age groups) able to stay, early symptoms warnings, adequate ventilation, clear instructions, use of club electronic registration and payment system, a recovery room for anyone feeling unwell, trained first aider and adequate first aid, hand gel dispenser.

A2/2. The site manager will do his best to keep time on remedial work to a minimum. The good news appears to be that there is no evidence so far of damp underneath the flooring. On the other hand the contractors are already behind schedule. We will have an unallocated three-week period at end of course for catch up or players who we could not accommodate on the first round of applications. We must wait and see.

Q3. Risk Assessment:

Are all main services regularly serviced with a pre-planned contract and carried out by a reputable service engineer?

Q3. Response: Yes, all Redbridge Borough approved. A contractor arrived during the RA

Q 4 Risk Assessment

Does the servicing cover the following and comment on any particular features

4/1 Water is there regular legionnaires testing. Response: yes, water fountain also serviced annually, direct main supply

4/2 Roofing Response: yes, annual check and maintenance where required

4/3 First aid equipment: yes, kept fully stocked, qualified first aider (work standard), will be present

4/4 Fire extinguishers: yes, annual maintenance contract, clearly marked for substance (electrical, chemical etc.) and fire drills

4/5 Heating: gas fire boiler, regular service, hot with instant temperature gauge

4/6 Cleaning: yes, cleaner daily

4/7 Ventilation, are there fans, recycling units? No, use natural ventilation, plenty of doors and windows open, see site plan

Helen Quinlan will be happy to answer any admin queries.

Coaches and other important information

All sessions will use a soft cricket ball. Wear suitable footwear (trainers) and PE/tracksuit bottoms. There will be no changing facilities. Please bring a drink (for your child's sole use). No equipment is needed. Non members must provide Helen with details of any relevant medical conditions we should know about.

Only one parent of children in Year 1 up to Year 4 must stay at the centre in line with club policy. No parents of older children are permitted to stay. Covid precautions will be taken. Under no circumstances should children or their parents come if they have Covid symptoms and please let us know if symptoms develop while at the coaching session. We have a separate recovery /waiting room

On arrival parents will be provided with a site map, you can see there is an entrance and exit route through separate doors.

An important condition of participation is compliance with the club's safeguarding policy; this is published on the club's website (www.wansteadcricketclub.co.uk, follow the left-hand links). Particular attention is drawn to the members' and family charters.

Three of our most experienced coaches, Dave Ramdial, Fred Apps and Len Enoch will run the sessions with the help of support coach Helen Quinlan and our older juniors (our 'Young Coaches'), many of whom are doing Duke of Edinburgh leadership awards.

Len Enoch (07949024006) will be happy to answer any questions on course content