

BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB – FOOTBALL SECTION
FA COVID-19 STEP 4 STATEMENT– 20 AUGUST 2021

The FA has provided an update on ‘non-elite’ football for Step 4 of the Government’s roadmap.

On Monday 19 July, England moved to Step 4 of its roadmap in easing COVID-19 restrictions.

This means that almost all legal restrictions of social contact will be removed. **However, the Government is encouraging people to act with caution.** The FA’s guidance has therefore been updated to reflect this. The updated guidance which covers Steps 3-6 of the National League System (NLS), Tiers 3-6 of the Women’s Football Pyramid and grassroots football (including Regional NLS Feeder Leagues), came into effect on Monday 19 July.

The full guidance documents can be downloaded from our website <http://www.bejsc-football.co.uk/covid-19/> and should be referred to for further details. The summary key points are:

1. On field adaptations for playing football are no longer required.
2. No limits of how many people can meet.
3. One metre plus rule removed.
4. The definition of close contact remains the same, however the rules on self-isolation will be changing from 16 August 2021.
5. Face coverings no longer required by law, but recommended in crowded indoor settings and may be mandated by some clubs or facility providers.
6. Changing rooms can be used, however participants should use their own judgement and minimise use where possible to avoid close contact in a crowded area for a prolonged time.
7. No capacity limits for spectators **but good practice is encouraged.**
8. Hospitality is permitted without restrictions.
9. NHS Test and Trace QR codes **not required by law but encouraged.**
10. Free NHS lateral flow testing is available to clubs and we encourage clubs to take this up.
11. No domestic travel restrictions. Participants should continue to follow Government advice on international travel for any fixtures/ tournaments.

This guidance document applies to all youth and adult football and Futsal, including all formats of the game, both indoors and outdoors.

We would like to thank you once again for playing your part in helping to get our game going again. By observing Government guidance and the football-specific protocols, we can look forward to ensuring the transition back to enjoying football is as smooth and safe as possible.

COVID-19 STEP FOUR GUIDANCE FOR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

Here are the key points:



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