



Threave Rovers FC

Meadow Park Blackpark Road Castle Douglas DG7 1DJ

Medical Risk Assessment

Introduction

Threave Rovers Football Club is a member of the Scottish Lowland Football League.

It is the policy of the Club to take all reasonable and practicable steps to safeguard the Health and Safety and welfare of all employees at work and to protect all other persons against hazards to Health or Safety arising out of the Clubs activities.

This document details the Club's Medical Risk Assessment. The Club's First Aid Plan, Health and Safety Policy, and the Spectator Safety Policy document, should be read in conjunction with this document.

Purpose

This Medical Risk Assessment is a report that shows that Threave Rovers Football Club's medical vulnerabilities, to provide a summary of defensive measures, and assess the amount of risk Threave Rovers Football Club is willing to accept (the risk tolerance).

Activity / Element (Step 1)	Hazards Identified (Step 2)	Existing Controls (Step 3)	Is the residual risk acceptable Y/N (Step 4)	Additional Controls Required (Step 5)	Is the residual risk acceptable Y/N (Step 6)	Recommended minimum medical attendance* (actual agreed attendance in brackets)
1 Medical Illness	Spectators and staff may suffer from a medical emergency when in attendance at the Stadium.	<p>Certified First Aid personnel will be in attendance at every home game in a ratio of 1:1000 up to the approved 1671 capacity. A club doctor will be present for attendances expected to be of full capacity (1671).</p> <p>There is a First Aid room located within Meadow Park which is equipped with a suitable first aid kit.</p> <p>Threave Rovers has contingency plan which confirms the roles of all agencies in the event of a major incident.</p> <p>Castle Douglas Ambulance station is 25 metres away and the local hospital is 5 mins away</p>	Yes	Nil		<p><u>Crowd up to 1000</u> First aider present.</p> <p><u>Crowds from 1000 to 1671</u> 2 first aiders present and a doctor.</p> <p>The ambulance service does not attend games but being adjacent,</p>

		by car. Tel. 01556502333.				would be summoned in the first instance if necessary.
2 Injury from slip/trip/fall	Spectators and staff may suffer from an injury as a result of a slip, trip or fall in Stadium	As above in row 1.	Yes	Nil		As above
3 Fire in Stadium	A fire in the stadium may result in burns injuries & smoke inhalation to spectators and staff. Crush injuries may occur as a result of crowd surging if evacuation is not properly controlled.	As above in row 1. A Fire Risk assessment has been completed by N. Davies, a local Fire Safety consultant.	Yes	New Smoke alarm detectors and fire extinguishers fitted as a result of the Assessment. Training ongoing.		As above
4 Explosion In the Stadium	As Above	As above in row 1	Yes	Nil		As above

5 Structural Collapse	A collapse of any part of the stadium may result in injuries to staff and spectators	As above in row 1. Meadow Park has been inspected by Dumfries & Galloway Council's Building Standards Service and holds a Special Safety Certificate – renewed annually.	Yes	Nil		As Above
6 Crowd surge or crushing	Spectators and staff may suffer from crush injuries	As above in row 1	Yes	Nil		As above
7 Evacuation	If an evacuation of the stadium is required this must be properly controlled. Spectators or staff may be injured if not properly controlled and crowd surges occur	As above in row 1. Threave Rovers FC has a contingency plan in place which states controls to be followed in the event of a stadium evacuation. The emergency exit capacity for Meadow Park is adequate for crowd attendances up to the maximum. The said Safety Certificate issued by the Council states that emergency exit capacity is adequate for up to a maximum of 1671 crowd	Yes	Nil		As above

This Risk Assessment was completed taking into consideration the following factors:-

Physical Factors

1. Physical layout (roads, car parks)

Meadow Park is located to the west side of Castle Douglas on Blackpark Road. It is located in a small industrial area, opposite Keyline, Army Cadets, Church and Sparklers Nursery. An Ambulance Station is adjacent to the Park.

The Stadium is fully enclosed by a concrete slatted wall and a corrugated iron fence.

The main access/exit points are to the east of the stadium on Blackpark Road with two other exits on the west side.

The main access/exits are through double gates on to Blackpark Road and the two gates on the west side are on to ground adjacent to the park.

There is easy access to the ground for ambulance and emergency vehicles (fire appliances) through the double gates from Blackpark Road.

2. Design of Ground

The main building consists of the Club Room, Dressing Rooms, Referees Room, Ladies and Disabled Toilets. There is a building for Turnstyles and catering. There is also a building with Gents and Ladies Toilet facilities.

All are built with brick and block with timber roofs and metal sheet cladding. There is also 4 portacabin style buildings used as hospitality suite, first aid room, Board room and tractor/equipment shed.

A small covered roof stand is on the west side. It is built with concrete and steel cladding.

A seated area has 212 seats. It is partly covered by the stand roof.

3. Location of control points, first aid facility and key points

A first aid facility is located behind the south goals and adjacent to the main building. It contains toilet, hot and cold water, a first aid kit and a physiotherapist bench.

The secretary's post is in the Board room near to the main building.
A public address system and a portable microphone is available for use.
4. Nature and location of Media Room

The safety office has access to the public address system at all times and communicates with the stewards by mobiles, also used for contact with the emergency services.

MEDICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

LOCATION; MEADOW PARK, CASTLE DOUGLAS

NAME OF ASSESSOR - R HOGG, CLUB SAFETY OFFICER

DATE OF ASSESSMENT; 1 JUNE 2015

Safety Management Factors

1. Safety management structure & Lines of communication

The safety structure and lines of communication for football matches is as follows:

1. Safety Officer
2. Chairman
3. Stewards
4. First Aiders
5. Ambulance/Police personnel if called upon.

2. Ground contingency plans & Emergency procedures

Threave Rovers F C has a contingency plan and ground safety plan in operation which has been inspected by Dumfries & Galloway Council.

3. Staff Training

First aiders and Stewards are trained to the level appropriate to their responsibility.

4. Hazards & risks posed by event, to spectators

Specific hazards posed by the event of a football match include severe weather and/or crowd disturbance.

5. Composition & behaviour of crowd

Threave Rovers F C Safety Officer, Stewards or Committee members will take appropriate action depending on the dynamics and actions of match day crowds.

6. Historical Data of injuries, treatment etc

An accident book is kept in the secretary's office/board room. There is no current history of any significant spectator injuries or administered treatment within the boundaries of Meadow Park but any such activities that are recorded will be analysed and any lessons taken on board.

7. Requirements of governing bodies

For football matches, Meadow Park must comply with the requirements to obtain a Special Safety Certificate from Dumfries & Galloway Council, Planning & Environmental Services. Meadow Park may also have to comply with SLFL requirements as appropriate.

8. Document Control

Authorised for issue:-

Threave Rovers Football Club Chairman -

David McVitie *David Mc Vitie*

Date – 01/06/2015

Threave Rovers Football Club Safety Officer,

Robin Hogg *Robin Hogg*

Date – 01/06/2015

Mandatory Review Date: 01/06/ 2016

(to be reviewed every year)