Shepshed Dynamo Youth & Juniors FC - **Risk Assessment: 2026/2027**

HAZARD	CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE	RISK FACTOR	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES
Child Protection	DBS checked coaches. Monitored and renewed when expired. Coaching takes place in view of parents. Photography not permitted unless consent provided. Consent forms completed annually. Dedicated Welfare Officer	**Low**	No child U12 is left to leave pitch on their own. They shall remain with the coaches until their responsible adult collects them.
Goalposts (Portable & Fixed) Danger of Collapsing in Play Putting up and taking down of goals Injuries from metal hooks used to secure goal nets (fixed goals)	Goalposts when set out on pitch should be checked by the coach before each session to ensure they are complete and safe. Where appropriate, portable goals must be anchored to ground or weighted, when in use, in accordance with FA and British Standards Institute advice. Larger metal goal posts in the higher age groups to be moved/erected by at least two people, preferably adults and if by juniors min. 14+ years and of suitable size, strength and maturity. Good communication/coordination is vital when setting and taking down goals particularly when folding/unfolding support legs when the goals are unstable as this is the key moment where toppling can occur. Care must be taken when carrying goals to avoid manual handling injury to operatives and impact injury to others still on the field. Give clear signals to stand clear especially with excitable children at play. On returning goals to containers ensure that they are lent against containers without risk of falling and secure with chains. Chains must be locked before leaving goals unattended. Parents to assist only under direction of coaches. Metal cup hooks are only in place on the cross bar, and out of reach of any child; children below the age of 16 are not allowed to put up nets; adults are advised of the potential danger of the metal hooks i.e. catching rings on fingers.	**Low/Medium** **Low/Medium** **Low/Medium** **Low/Medium**	Goals to size and design as approved by County FA
Weather Extremes	Pitch inspector to call the session off in extreme weather conditions. The interests and safety of the children are paramount, together with consideration for any young children and spectators.	**Low/Medium**	Monitoring local weather forecast ahead of schedules training/fixtures.

Cold weather	Children to wear appropriate layers, hats and gloves as necessary.	**Low**	
Dehydration/Exhaustion	Drinks are provided by individual players. Regular drink stops. Option to shorten playing time. Sun screen and caps recommended.	**Medium**	
General state of the pitch Pitch side Barriers	Coach/referee to check state of pitch pre-session and clear any dog foul and deal with any hazards such as foreign objects like glass or bottles. Any additional hazards such as uneven ground, pot holes etc. to be reported to the committee. The pitches will have a spectator barrier in line with recent FA respect guidelines. The distance from the touchline will be realistic to ensure an area safe for players, match officials and spectators.	**Medium/High**	Visual check to be carried out by the managers / organisers The event will use the FA endorsed Respect Zone Barrier Kit . Players, Manager, Coaches, Substitutes and match officials are the only people allowed beyond the barrier.
Balls Too hard Damaged (peeling leather) Heading	Balls pumped to the appropriate pressure. Coaches check this at the start, and throughout the game. Heading of the ball now scrapped in coaching. Balls are thrown away when the leather peels off. Application of FA new rule to limit heading in junior football.	**Low**	Appropriately sized balls dependent on age: - Size 3: U6-U10 - Size 4: U11-U14 - Size 5:U15+ - U7-U9 now in place - U10 upwards not in place.
Footwear Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) sharp studs	Children wear appropriate footwear and shin pads available at cost to borrow/buy. Boot exchange also available.	**Low**	
Jewellery	All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before a session. Parents/coaches checks this.	**Low**	
Conduct of players, officials, spectators Dangerous play/physical violence; Abusive language Threatening behaviour Inappropriate comment or action	Coaches decisions are final and players' parents should respect this or face removal if behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable. Groups arranged by age/ability to avoid clashes between players of unequal size/strength.	**Medium**	FA Code of conduct shared on club website and signed up to by parents upon completing consent forms.
Physical injuries from normal play	Players should warm up and cool down properly before and after matches and training sessions.	**Medium**	Public and Product insurance cover is provided (also covers accident)

	There is access to an adequately stocked first aid kit, and a qualified first aider on site during play. Players with injuries or medical complaints should let these be known to their coach. Players must wear shin pads First aider available. Defibrillators on site.		Copy of Club Insurance available on request from Secretary
Coffee Van/Hot Drinks	Children, Parent & Spectators carrying hot drinks do so at their own risk.	**Low**	Van owner to provide copy of required insurance – permission to be on site prior to booking
Structures and Dugouts Players, coaches, officials and visitors may crash or fall into structures.	Players, coaches, visitors (including officials) to be made aware of the presence of any pitch side structures including dugouts.	**High**	Communication of the location of structures when Dovecote is used.
Blood Spillage Blood Loss	First Aid Kit should be available to all players. First aid training to deal with such incidents in place	**Medium**	Welfare Officer and club commit to ensure first aid trained coach is available for training and game sessions. Coaches to ensure first aid kit contents are up to date.