



Northumberland Football Leagues.



Current COVID-19 Guidelines.

Observations and concerns raised.

Good afternoon all,

Following the implementation of new guidelines and restrictions which came into effect for games weekend commencing 26th September and 27th September, several concerns and emails have been received into the league office.

I cannot stress strongly enough that currently football is hanging by a thread with a review planned between both Northumberland and Durham FA's and the local authorities on Wednesday 7th October.

Some of the concerns raised have included:

- Managers not wearing masks
- Managers entering the field of play without a mask and gloves
- Parents/Managers refusing to wear a mask
- Managers/parents turning up to central venues 1 hr before kick off
- Not adhering to 1 adult – 1 player
- No track & trace at home and away games
- Managers/ Spectators being abusive to volunteers when asked not to hold a team meeting/ debrief after a game
- No attempt to sanitise goals and equipment at home and away games
- People not social distancing on the side lines or while queueing to enter central venues

There will be no more opportunities to get this right and allow our young players to continue playing football.

Our number 1 priority is to ensure our players can continue to play football in a safe environment and we will fully support and enforce all guidelines and restrictions issued by the governing bodies, local authorities and county FA's.

Let us stay safe, follow the rules and allow our children to continue to enjoy the game we all love.

For and on behalf of the league management committee.

Lee Scott

League Secretary