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**Dalbeattie Star Football Club**

**Islecroft Stadium**

**Dalbeattie**

**Medical Risk Assessment and Medical Plan**

**Introduction.**

Dalbeattie Star Football Club is a member of the South of Scotland Football League, Southern Counties and a full Licensed member of The Scottish Football Association. It is the policy of Dalbeattie Star to take all reasonable steps to

safeguard the Health and Safety of all employees at work and to protect all other persons against hazards to health and safety arising out of the club’s activities. This document details the club’s first aid medical plan and the Medical Risk Assessment and should be read in conjunction with the safety policy of the club.

This document combines the Medical Risk Assessment and Medical Plan.

It addresses the following.

\*Organisation and infrastructure relating to medical matters.

\*Identifiable risks and how these are controlled.

\*General provisions for medical care.

Infrastructure and Organisation.

Access for emergency vehicles.

Dalbeattie Star’s ground at Islecroft Stadium is accessible by the public road from Mill Street and would permit direct access for emergency vehicles to the ground pitch and stand.

First Aid Facilities.

The principal first aid room is within the new development which is directly accessible from the pitch and spectator areas. It contains first aid equipment, a first aid kit, a medical table and hot and cold water supplies.

An Automated External Defibrillator is positioned in this room and the club has several personnel trained and authorised to use this equipment. There are toilets including disabled toilet within the first aid area.

**Organisation and Personnel.**

Dalbeattie Star has an association with a Doctor for advice and guidance on all medical matters. The Doctor is in attendance for all major matches where the attendance is greater than 1000 persons is anticipated. The club also ensures that there is a minimum of one Qualified Sports First Aid staff present at all matches.

There is a public address announcer present at all home matches. This person will be located at the entrance to the tunnel area and dressing rooms and is the focal point for co-ordinating of messages during the match and before and after the match. He or She will make any safety announcements and will have immediate access to a telephone to communicate with others including the emergency services to ensure expedited management of any health or safety issues.

Identifiable Medical Risks.

Injury to players.

**\*Description**

The most likely source of a medical issue is the injury to players during the normal course of the match. This can cover the spectrum of a minor injury which is treated pitch side before the player returns to the match, to serious injury enquiring immediate intervention and hospitalisation.

**\*Current Arrangements.**

The club will ensure that there is a qualified sports first aider present at all matches and training sessions. A stretcher is available in the dressing room area which will allow the removal of players from the pitch to the first aid room or the Medical room if the player requires medical assistance to leave the pitch. The nearest Accident and Emergency Dept. is at Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary which is 30 minutes from the ground under normal traffic conditions. There is a cottage hospital at Castle Douglas which is 15 minutes away and there is a medical centre 5 minutes from the ground in the outskirts of Dalbeattie. The first aider looking after the injured player or any person who has taken ill inside the stadium will make arrangements through the ground co-ordinator and safety officer to arrange transport for a player or others to the infirmary for further assessment or to call the emergency services if immediate medical care is required. This arrangement and assessment applies to all matches. The current arrangements are satisfactory but it is recommended that the procedure for removal of the player from the pitch and making onward transport is rehearsed at least annually for club members who may be required for stretcher duties.

**Action required.**

Annual rehearsal of above arrangements.

Injury to spectators as above.

Description.

The following risk factors can be considered collectively for assessment purposes.

**\*Fire**

There is identifiable risk in the dressing room, stand and social club. These are inspected by the local fire authorities and have automatic fire detection and alarm systems. The risk is assessed is small for these areas and negligible for open areas of the ground.

**\*Structural failures.**

The identifiable source of risk is the stand structure. This is of brick, wood and cement block and is regularly inspected. This risk is considered negligible.

**\*Evacuation.**

There is negligible risk under normal operating conditions rising to moderate in a situation in a match with a maximal

capacity. This risk is mitigated because (a) unplanned evacuation is extremely unlikely (b) planned orderly evacuation reduces risk. There is a general risk to spectators from slips or other accidents. This is controlled by maintaining the ground in good condition.

**Current Arrangements.**

Direct injury from fire and structural failures has been reduced to acceptable levels by the inspection and maintenance by the local authorities. In this event that there was a risk of structural failure this would be controlled by closing off the affected area of the ground or the cancellation of the match. Other risks are proportional to the attendance. The club will ensure that there is additional first aid staff present and stewards where there is more than 350 spectators are expected. These arrangements will be agreed with Police, Safety Officer and first aider members.

**Assessment.**

Arrangements are considered adequate for all foreseeable risks.

**Illness.**

There is a general risk of illness whenever there are gatherings of people. There is no identifiable risk factors which suggest that players and spectators at a match are at greater risk of illness except established risks that can be associated with any situation in which there is potential stress (heart attacks in those with pre-existing risk

factors.

Current arrangements satisfactory.

**General Comments.**

First Aid personnel will provide initial first aid attention where necessary at Islecroft to members of playing staff, and the public. Must remain with the injured or ill person until no further treatment is required. All staff will be aware and advised of the nature of first aid facilities at Islecroft, location of first aid kits, defibrillator and the names of first aid officers and also the Doctor who may be present. The Safety officer and the communication co-ordinator must also be present at all times and have immediate access to the public address system.

Members of committee and stewards must also have access to mobile phones and are aware of the contact numbers of the emergency services.

This Document is authorised by the following on behalf of the Club

Safety Officer. Andrew Davies.

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