



CLACHNACUDDIN FOOTBALL CLUB (1990) LTD

CLACH-D-009 - MEDICAL RISK ASSESSMENT - SEASON 2024 / 25

This document details the Medical Risk Assessment report at the Stadium. The report identifies the inherent medical risks, the mitigating actions and processes and the residual medical risks.

It is the policy of the Club to take all reasonable and practicable 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 and use of the facilities.

This document should be read alongside CLACH-D-007 Risk Assessment, CLACH-D-008 Fire Risk Assessment, CLACH-D-003 Contingency Plans and CLACH-D-009 Appendix I – Medical Plan.

PURPOSE

This Medical Risk Assessment identifies medical vulnerabilities, identifies mitigating measures and assesses the residual risk.

CONSIDERATION

This Medical Risk Assessment has been completed with due consideration to:

ACCESS & EGRESS POINTS

The Stadium is accessed primarily from Wyvis Place, immediately to the south of the main Inverness/Dingwall railway bridge and butting against the Merkinch area residential development. The stadium is bound to the: -

- North by Wyvis Place: along this border is the main stadium facilities including changing rooms, medical room, Boardroom and Supporters Bar;
- South by garage areas extending from Kilmuir Road and multi-storey flatted accommodation extending from Benula Road.
- East by residential accommodation along Pumpate Court; and
- West by residential accommodation along Kilmuir Road

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The primary access point, including the spectator turnstiles, is off Wyvis Place, focused on pedestrian access with emergency vehicular access to the double gates immediately alongside the Club Shop

Secondary access, with suitability for large vehicles, is through double gates off Pumpgate Court.

A detailed plan is contained within **CLACH-D-003** Contingency Plan.

THE STADIUM AND INHERENT RISK

The main enclosed stand is located in the northern half of the east flank, with steel and UPVC seating for **156**. The stand is of steel frame construction with mixed profile sheeting (composite, steel and cement). Brush finish concrete walkways, with handrails and drainage as necessary follow the main pitch-side boundary wall from the north spectator entrances to the half-way line.

Standing spectator areas are provided in hard standing on both east and west flanks.

The south spectator area is partially covered with a steel frame with metal sheet cladding and comprises open concrete terraces, 370mm in the going and 150mm in the rise to approximately 1850mm above the pitch level. The spectator area here is approximately 7m on the flat falling to a bank to the rear boundary wall at approximately 30deg. This bank is generally covered in vegetation. The stadium boundary wall is approximately 1800mm high from the inside of the stadium topped with barbed wire.

The Licensed capacity for the stadium is **2074**.

LOCATION OF CONTROL POINTS, MEDICAL ROOM AND KEY LOCATIONS

The Boardroom is the main control point and is located along the northern boundary and is alongside the medical room, changing rooms, toilets and catering facilities. The Club and Match Day Secretaries will be the points of contact for co-ordinating emergency response. First Aid provision is held in the medical room, and physio room, Board room and catering facilities. The physio room holds the stadium defibrillator and a medical bed. On match days, the Club Secretary (or deputy) carries a portable microphone which operates through the main PA system for announcements.

NATURE & LOCATION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

When required the Club Secretary, first aid personnel and the stewards attend a pre-match briefing to plan the match day. The Club Secretary is the main point of contact for the emergency services who will carry their own radios for services coordination once called to the stadium.



Safety Management Factors:

MATCH-DAY MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The match-day management structure, responsible for safety, is:-

1. Club and/or Match Day Secretary (or deputised Safety Officer)
2. Chairman (when in attendance)
3. Stewards
4. First Aid personnel
5. Emergency Services (as required)

STADIUM CONTINGENCY PLAN & EMERGENCY

Procedures See **CLACH-D-003** Contingency Plan.

STAFF COMPETENCE

Stewards and First Aid personnel are trained and certified competent to their level of responsibility.

HAZARDS AND RISKS POSED TO SPECTATORS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Specific hazards and risks presented to spectators include: -

- Inclement/severe weather.
- Increased traffic and congestion in and around the entrance to the stadium.
- Crowd disturbance.

Specific hazards and risks presented to the general public include: -

- Increased traffic and congestion around the stadium.
- Vehicle parking.
- Crowd disturbance
- Footballs crossing the boundaries with no early warning.

CROWD BEHAVIOUR

The Match-Day Management Structure will consider each match in advance, estimating attendance and potential crowd dynamics. As appropriate this assessment will be discussed if required with Police

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Scotland as part of the pre-match plan and brief held with the stewards. Unforeseen crowd behaviour's will be assessed and reacted to as necessary on the match day.

HISTORICAL DATA

An accident book is kept in the Secretary's office and is updated with all accidents attended to by the club officials within and around the stadium. There is no significant history of any incident. Periodically, the accident log is reviewed and any trends are assessed for lessons learned. Any significant incident will be fully investigated by the Club Secretary. Lessons learned and any particular modifications required will be implemented.

COMPLIANCE

To operate the facility the Club must comply with the requirements of the Highland Council Environmental Health Services, Scottish Highland Football League, Scottish Football Association and any other regulatory or legislative body as appropriate.

Minimal Medical Attendance

- (a) What are the hazards?
- (b) What are you already doing?
- (c) Is the residual risk acceptable?
- (d) What further action is necessary?
- (e) Is the residual risk acceptable?

1(a) Players, visitors, spectators and guests may suffer severe musculoskeletal injury arising from play during use of the facility.

1(b) The Club will maintain the playing surface to the highest standards, ensuring no significant holes, furrows, ridges or irregularities in the surface are prevalent before or during the game.

Certified First Aid and medical personnel will attend all events in accordance with the needs of Minimum Medical Attendance and they will be familiar with and competent in the use of specific specialist equipment at the Stadium.

An on-site Medical Treatment Room (MTR) with suitable first aid kit and defibrillator is available for use in attending single person injury. In extreme cases, the MTR is large enough to accommodate two (2) injured parties only.



The Club operates **CLACH-D-003** Contingency Plan which identifies the roles of all emergency services. Raigmore Hospital (**01463 704000**) is approximately 15 minutes away by car but if necessary

an ambulance will be called to attend. Certified First Aid personnel in attendance at ratio of 1:1,000 and a Doctor to be in attendance where the crowd is expected to exceed 2,000.

1(c) Yes

2(a) Medical illness arising within and without play:-

Players, staff, visitors, guests and spectators may suffer a medical emergency.

2(b) As 1(b)

2(c) Yes

3(a) Physical injury arising without play (slip/trip/fall)

Players, staff, visitors, guests and spectators may suffer injury due to a slip, trip or fall whilst in attendance at the Stadium.

As 1(b) and maintain key access routes around the facility, ensure sure footing, effective drainage and handrails are positioned to best effect.

3(c) Yes as 1(b)

4 (a) Crowd surge or crushing

A crowd surge may lead to various injuries and consequences: Staff, visitors, guests and spectators may suffer crush injuries Physical injury arising without play (slip/trip/fall) as 3(a) Built environment partial failure as 5(a).

4(b) Pitch side perimeter walls and barriers and walkway handrails and barriers are regularly visually inspected by officers of the club for any signs of damage, break down or failure. Security provision shall be assessed on a "use by use" basis in consultation with Police Scotland as assessed by the officers of the Club.

As 1(b)

As 3(a)

As 5(a)

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4(c) Yes As 1 (b) Additional Police support as agreed with Police Scotland Inverness,

5(a) Built environment partial failure

Partial failure of the built environment within the Stadium, including stands, boundaries, pitch-side perimeters and buildings. Wind damage cladding and or perimeter failure due to weather, wear and tear or spectator actions.

Standing water due to drainage blockage. This may lead to: Physical injury out with play as 3(a) Crowd surge or crushing (4) Fire in the stadium as 7(a) Explosion in the stadium as 8(a).

5(b) The Club operates CLACH-D-004 Stewards Code of Practice which identifies the roles of the steward. Pitch side perimeter walls and barriers and walkway handrails and barriers are regularly visually inspected by officers of the club for any signs of damage, break down or failure. In the event of any partial failure of the built environment, officers of the club shall immediately assess same and decide immediately upon mitigating actions:

Barrier and closure of specific areas Complete evacuation, as 9(a), 5(b) As 1(b) As 3(a) As 4(b).

5(c) Yes As 1(b), As 3(a) As 4(b).

6(a) Built environment complete failure:

A complete collapse of any part of the Stadium may lead to various injuries and consequences: Physical injury outwith play (slips/trips/falls) as 3(a) Crowd surge or crushing as 4 Fire in the stadium as 7(a) Explosion in the stadium as 8(a) Evacuation as 9(a).

6(b) The Stadium has been inspected by a qualified structural engineer. The survey report is held and actioned, as necessary, by the officers of the club. In any event of any complete collapse, the stadium shall be evacuated, as 9(a) As 1(b) As 5(b) As 7(a) As 8(a) As 9(a).

7(a) Fire in the stadium:

A Stadium fire may lead to various injuries and consequences. Smoke inhalation, burns, physical injury out with play (slip/trip/fall) as 3(a) Crowd surge.

7(b) The Club operates a Fire Risk Assessment CLACH-D-008 and Contingency Plan CLACH-D003 which identifies the roles of all emergency services.



Inverness Fire Station is approximately 7 drive minutes away from the stadium.

7(c) Yes As 1(b)

8(a) Explosion

9(a) Evacuation

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