

BRAISHFIELD BEES FC

Youth Football Club | Hampshire FA Affiliated

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

29 – 30 August 2026

Mountbatten School Playing Fields

EVENT RISK ASSESSMENT

Prepared by: J.D. Jones (Member of the Association for Project Safety)

Site visit conducted: 31 January 2024

Reviewed and updated: 11 August 2026 — dates rolled forward and weather-related controls added following the Met Office/UKHSA heat-health alerts issued in August 2026

Next review due: No later than 22 August 2026, or immediately if a severe weather warning is issued for the event dates

Document Control

Version	Date	Author	Summary of Changes
1.0	31 Jan 2024	J.D. Jones	Original risk assessment following site visit
2.0	11 Aug 2026	Braishfield Bees FC Committee	• Tournament dates updated to 29–30 August 2026 • New section added for extreme heat / heatwave conditions • Storm and severe weather procedure strengthened • New standalone section added for fire risk, reflecting dry vegetation and additional no-smoking signage • Safeguarding and lost-child procedure added • General reformatting for clarity and consistency

Introduction & Scope

This risk assessment covers the Braishfield Bees FC Summer Tournament to be held on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August 2026 at the Mountbatten School playing fields. It identifies the foreseeable hazards associated with the event, the control measures currently in place, and further actions required to reduce risk to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP).

This assessment should be read alongside the tournament's Evacuation Procedure, Safeguarding Policy, and First Aid Plan, and is to be reviewed by the Club Committee in the week preceding the event to reflect the latest weather forecast.

Risk Rating Key

LOW	Acceptable with current controls maintained	MEDIUM	Additional controls required; monitor closely on the day
HIGH	Activity must not proceed until risk is reduced		

1. Site Access, Egress & Traffic Management

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Emergency access blocked	- Emergency services - Players, officials, spectators	- Marshals keep emergency access/egress routes clear at all times - Access routes coned off and clearly signed	LOW	Regular inspections throughout the day by Club Committee members
Evacuation procedure failure	All persons on site	- Evacuation procedure included in the tournament programme - Regular tannoy announcements throughout the day - Evacuation routes clearly identified, unobstructed and free from trip hazards	LOW	- Procedure issued to Mountbatten School as part of the booking submission - On-site checks repeated throughout the day
Car park & pedestrian/vehicle conflict	Drivers, pedestrians, children	- Car park supervision only by adults 18+, or 16–18 yr olds under adult supervision - One-way traffic system so pedestrians need only look one way - Adjacent field used for parking, with a cordoned pedestrian walkway separating people from vehicles - Parking kept away from local housing estates to avoid inconsiderate/illegal parking	LOW/MED	- All car park stewards issued hi-vis vests marked "Car Park Marshal" - Stewards briefed before each session of the two-day event - Road signage on approach routes, particularly the A27 between Lusbrough and Ashfield roundabouts - Access arrangements (map, prohibited movements) circulated to managers to share with parents/guardians in advance

2. Weather Conditions

The Met Office and UK Health Security Agency issued heat-health alerts in August 2026 covering large parts of England, with high temperatures, dry ground conditions and an elevated risk of sudden thunderstorms following prolonged heat. Both extremes are treated as foreseeable for this event and are assessed separately below.

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Extreme heat / heatwave conditions	• All players, especially younger age groups • Coaches, officials and spectators • Vulnerable adults (elderly relatives, those with health conditions)	• UKHSA/Met Office heat-health alerts and forecast checked in the week before and on the morning of the event • Match duration and half-time breaks adjusted if a heat-health alert is active • Additional water stations positioned around the site, separate from club-provided bottles • Shaded rest areas identified and signposted • Coaches briefed to recognise signs of heat exhaustion/heat stroke and to substitute players proactively	MEDIUM	• Tournament organisers to designate a Weather Lead who checks forecasts daily from one week out • Programme/tannoy to include sun-safety reminders (hats, sunscreen, shade, hydration) • First aid tent stocked for heat-related illness with a clear escalation path to emergency services • Trigger points agreed in advance for shortening matches or pausing play in extreme heat
Drought / hard, dry pitch surfaces	• Players (falls, impact injuries)	• Pitches inspected by tournament organisers ahead of the first match • Referees to regularly check pitch condition through the day	MEDIUM	• Groundsman to confirm surface hardness before play starts each day • Any localised hard or uneven areas to be coned off
Thunderstorms / lightning following hot weather	• All persons on the open playing fields	• Groundsman or tournament organisers can suspend the event in extreme weather	MEDIUM	• Weather Lead to monitor Met Office thunderstorm warnings throughout both days • Clear "30-30 rule" adopted: play suspended if thunder follows lightning within 30 seconds, resuming no sooner than 30 minutes after the last strike • Pre-agreed shelter locations communicated to all teams before play begins
Heavy rain / strong winds (named storms)	• All persons on site • Gazebos, signage and temporary structures	• Event can be called off by groundsman or organisers in extreme conditions	LOW	• Gazebos and temporary structures to be properly weighted/anchored

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
				Contingency communicated in advance for delaying, shortening or postponing the tournament

3. Fire Risk

The school site operates a strict no-smoking policy, but the prolonged dry weather has left surrounding grass and vegetation significantly more prone to ignition. Fire risk is therefore treated as a standalone hazard for this event.

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Fire spreading through dry grass/vegetation	- All persons on site - Neighbouring school buildings and grounds	- Site is a strict no-smoking premises (school policy) - Personal BBQs and open flames not permitted anywhere on site (see Section 6) - Generators and any hot equipment kept away from areas of public interface and long grass	MEDIUM	- Additional "No Smoking — Dry Grass Fire Risk" signage to be placed at all entrances, the car park and around the perimeter of the pitches - Stewards briefed specifically on the elevated fire risk and asked to challenge any smoking or naked flame on sight, not just in general terms - Fire extinguisher(s) and a means of raising the alarm kept at the first aid tent and refreshment area - Emergency services access routes (Section 1) kept clear at all times to allow fire appliance access if needed - Groundsman/tournament organisers to check local fire service advice or any fire severity warnings in the days before the event

4. Pitch, Goals, Balls & Equipment

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Pitch conditions (uneven ground, holes, foreign objects)	• Players	• Pitches inspected by tournament organisers ahead of the first match • Clean football boots required on all three astro pitches • Referees to regularly check pitch condition	LOW	• Astro goals provided by Mountbatten School to FA and BSI guidelines • All other inflatable goals (Braishfield Bees FC) checked at the start of each session to ensure retaining hoops are flush with the grass
Goal posts — collapse or hook injury	• Players • Officials near goal areas	• Goal posts checked by the referee before the end of each match • Portable goals (excluding astro) anchored per the FA Goal Post Safety Guidelines • All fastenings and anchors checked for secure fit with no protrusions	LOW	• Astro goals maintained by Mountbatten School to FA/BSI guidelines • Inflatable goals checked at the start of each session
Match balls (too hard, damaged, peeling)	• Players	• Balls provided by tournament organisers and pumped to appropriate pressure • Referees check condition before each match	LOW	• Damaged balls withdrawn from use immediately
Inappropriate footwear / sharp studs	• Players (slips, injury)	• Referees check footwear and studs before matches • Teams notified in advance that two or three pitches are astro turf	LOW	• Coaches responsible for ensuring players wear footwear suited to the surface and for checking studs regularly
Jewellery	• Players	• All jewellery removed before matches • Referee checks all players before each game	LOW	• Each player responsible for removing their own jewellery; managers to check

5. First Aid, Injury & Hydration

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Access to first aid	• All persons on site	• Trained first aiders based at a central first aid tent, location shown in the programme • Qualified personnel available on site throughout the day	MEDIUM	• All coaches to hold a relevant, in-date first aid qualification and know when to escalate to a third party • Each team to bring its own well-stocked first aid kit

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Physical injuries from normal play	Players	- Players to warm up and cool down before/after matches - Each team to bring a well-stocked first aid kit	MEDIUM	All coaches to hold a relevant, in-date first aid qualification and know when to escalate to a third party
Dehydration / heat-related illness	All players, especially in hot weather	Water bottles provided by club coaches	MEDIUM	- Players to bring their own drinks or buy them on the day, in addition to club-provided water - Cold drinking-water facilities available on campus - See Section 2 for heatwave-specific controls

6. Conduct, Behaviour & Safeguarding

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Player conduct — dangerous play / physical contact	Players	- Tournament held in accordance with FA rules - Referee empowered to caution or send off players in breach of the rules	MEDIUM	Referees briefed before the tournament on the standard expected
Alcohol, cigarettes/vapes and BBQs	All attendees	- No alcohol to be consumed on the premises, in line with school rules - No cigarettes or vapes to be used on the premises, in line with school rules - Personal BBQs not permitted anywhere on site	MEDIUM	- Constant checks; anyone consuming alcohol asked to leave the premises - Anyone using cigarettes/vapes asked to refrain or leave the site (including car park areas) - Anyone using a BBQ asked to stop and make the area safe; heightened fire risk during dry/drought conditions to be highlighted to stewards
Safeguarding — lost child / unauthorised contact	Children and young people attending	- Designated Safeguarding Officer on site for the duration of the event - Lost-child point and procedure communicated in the programme and by tannoy	LOW	- Safeguarding Officer's name and contact number displayed at the first aid tent and on the programme - Wristbands or equivalent

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
				identification considered for younger age groups

7. Refreshments, Power & Trip Hazards

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Further Action Required
Refreshment area — power, trailing cables, hot surfaces	- Public - Under-18 volunteers	- Generators kept away from areas of public interface - BBQ area not accessible to the public; fire extinguishers available - Cables in serving areas routed to avoid trip hazards; all trailing leads RCD-protected - Signage warning that cups/food may be hot - No under-16s to operate hot water apparatus; no under-18s to operate BBQs	LOW/MED	Regular inspections by Club Committee members to confirm cables remain safely retained and the above measures are being complied with

Approval

This risk assessment has been reviewed and is approved for the Braishfield Bees FC Summer Tournament, 29–30 August 2026, subject to the weather review described in Section 2 being carried out in the week before the event.

Role	Name	Signature / Date
Club Chairperson		
Tournament Organiser		
Welfare / Safeguarding Officer		