



# GOLDFIELDS SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC

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Dear Clubs,

Hi all there still seems to be some general confusion on what and how to clean the equipment. Football West have been little to no help, referencing this email's attachment.

I have referenced a Health Department cleaning document in my previous correspondence but have attached this time for easy reference.

I have cut and paste the most important part of the document which makes reference to using a method which is suitable for the surface.

***Cleaning products should be chosen that are approved for the surface to be cleaned. In general, combined detergent/disinfectant solutions or wipes are acceptable for hard surfaces. Some products such as bleach can damage fabrics, stainless steel and other surfaces.***

I personally think bleach or alcohol products long term will cause damage to the soccer balls so detergent would be the better suggestions.

My advice would be:-

As each player starts to train have someone offer them hand sanitizer (must contain 80% alcohol) before they go onto the field

Each team has their own bag of soccer balls, and cones. At the end of training they are collected up sealed in a plastic bag and removed for cleaning. – **do not** use the equipment bag as it will need to be washed to be reused after dirty balls have been stored in it.





When at home a solution of detergent (dishwashing liquid ect) made up in something that balls can be submerged in. – This guarantees that the complete surface of the ball has been cleaned.

Completely submerge the ball in the solution for a few seconds take out and let air dry.  
– **do not** wipe the balls dry the solution needs time on the surface to be effective.

Once dry pack balls into your equipment bag – ensuring that the bag is clean and hasn't been contaminated.

Discard the plastic bag in the rubbish.

For the person cleaning the balls it should be done outside and with disposable rubber gloves and appropriate PPE.

It would also be worth advising the person cleaning the equipment to change his/her clothing and having a shower before they go into their house. Place contaminated clothing straight into the wash (do not let family handle clothing)

### Goal Keeper Gloves

If you can:

Take home in a separate disposable bag

Submerge them in a soapy solution and hang out on the line to air dry.

If the owner of the gloves is not the club then take the gloves from the keeper or ask the keeper at the end of the session to wipe over with some detergent or alcohol wipes.

**Make** sure disposable rubber gloves and PPE are worn when handling the gloves.

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after

At training if you feel something needs to be cleaned ASAP then use detergent or alcohol wipes (must contain 80% alcohol).



**In regard to minimal equipment the GSA's understanding is that at the moment we can use:**

Soccer Balls - cleaning procedure as above

Cones/Domes – clean after training, each team should have their own and cleaned as above for soccer balls

Keeper Gloves – cleaning procedure as above

Nets for fixed goals – yes have only one or minimal people put up and take down

Agility poles – No

Pop up goals – No

Bibs – Yes each team must have its own set and they are not to be shared, must be machine washed after each training . **DO NOT WASH ANYTHING ELSE WITH THEM.** Please use caution when removing over face as you can wipe the virus onto your face (easier option is to ask people to wear different colour shirts to training).

**So a few things to be aware of:**

Please read the active ingredient of hand sanitiser to make sure it has 80% alcohol. It will not work if its anything less.

Make sure alcohol wipes have 80% alcohol in the active ingredient.

Make sure you have safety data sheets available for all chemical products that are going to be uses.

Change the detergent solution after each team. Do not top up the detergent solution to re-use, make a fresh batch.

Don't get lots of people to be involved with the cleaning, keep it to one person so that they are aware of what is going on.

Please don't forget to get coaches, managers and hygiene managers to complete the COVID19 online training

**Each week please remember to return the players attendance/regro form to the GSA for contact tracing.**



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Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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