

Northern Hockey COVID-19 Risk Assessment Checklist

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**ENGLAND
HOCKEY**

As hockey moves into Step 4 of England Hockey's Roadmap in Returning to Play, it is essential that hockey providers assess the risks associated with hockey activity in line with England Hockey and wider Government guidance related to Covid-19.

England Hockey strongly recommend that all delivery organisers complete a Covid-19 specific risk assessment prior to the commencement of hockey activity. This template should be used as a guide and completed in conjunction with a full risk assessment at the delivery venue in order to safely open these facilities and deliver hockey activity.

All Hockey organisers should appoint a 'Covid-19 officer' who is responsible for completion of this risk assessment and ensuring that all participants are compliant with all measures taken to ensure safety during hockey activity. It is strongly recommended that the delivery organiser completes a full risk assessment relevant to the venue and reviews this on a weekly basis.

Risk Assessment

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Action to be considered	Action taken (to be completed by hockey organiser in association with the facility provider)	Significance of risk (low, medium, high)
General guidance		
Ensure you have read and understood England Hockey's Step 4 guidance	Covid Officer completed 16/08/20 and shared with committee colleagues	High
Ensure details of your club/association's COVID Officer have been shared with all members	Completed via Whatsapp to all players and via Spond. Details also be shared on the Northern Club Website (hockey page) *updated 2.12.20 https://northernclub.uk/home/sports/hockey	Med
Ensure compliance with Test and Trace by keeping a register (including contact details) of those individuals present at training/matches. These registers should be held in line with the activity provider's data storage policy.	This will be achieved via our Spond app with all participants registering for sessions and games to record attendance. The section administrator will submit attendance to England Hockey track.trace@englandhockey.co.uk within 24 hours of each session.	High
Ensure all participants have signed an England Hockey Participant Agreement prior to playing hockey	Action circulated to all members 17/08/20 and completion monitored via Spond. Participants advised they will not be able to play competitively at training or games until completed (deadline of 21/8/20). As new members join this instruction will be given	Med

Ensure all participants are aware of all COVID-19 policies and processes in advance of activity

All participants asked to confirm they have observed the 3 minute video, read the participant guidance and completed the agreement by 21/08/20 at <http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=2633>
This will be monitored via Spond and via a return from EH to the Covid Officer confirming players who have completed the participant agreement

Med

Ensuring appropriate provisions in place to maintain social distancing guidance and that participants are made aware of the policy in place around usage. This should include pitch lay out, timings, how people enter and exit the pitch, any process/cleaning before/after pitch bookings etc

Participants are advised not to congregate at the entrance, max 30 people per session spread across a full pitch area socially distanced at a minimum of 2m as soon as people arrive on to the pitch. Hand sanitiser and soap is stocked in the changing area/toilets, maximum of one person in the toilet area at a time, changing room building not to be used for congregating or socialing, showers not to be used, players to arrive ready to play, for junior sessions parents/guardians are required to wear face coverings for drop off and collection

High

Handwashing facilities (including soap and water) are available. Alternatively (or additionally) provide sufficient hand sanitiser. Regular hand washing should be encouraged.

Hand sanitiser and soap provided for all sessions

High

Ensure that disposable tissues/paper towels/anti-bacterial wipes are available to reduce the threat of transmission. Consider how these are disposed of following use e.g. sealed bins

Dettol spray and blue roll is available in the changing room building (Tiffin) for cleaning of individual equipment where required. Lined bins are available on the pitch and use for all waste is encouraged

Med

Display of education pieces, such as a symptoms chart and handwashing guidance,

EH infographic poster with guidance to be displayed by the pitch changing room area/toilets

High

to raise awareness and promote safe practices

Ensure that suitable individuals, with appropriate training (including DBS checks if required), are available to support the safe delivery of activity, including ensuring appropriate supervision ratios are maintained.	Strong presence of committee members who are well briefed regarding Covid guidance at all training sessions and matches as well as coaches and captains whom all have DBS checks	High
Consider how to manage non-compliance with actions taken to manage the risks of Covid-19	Any participants who do not comply will be asked to leave the session. Regular updates and reminders are issued to members via social media, whatsapp and Spond app	High
Provisions in place to manage arrival/departure of individuals to/from your facilities	The venue has lots of parking space and surrounding space for arrival and departures to be managed safely without social distancing being effected. Participants are asked not to congregate at entrances and space out in to warm up activity on arrival. Visitor guidance for visiting teams is issued and available on the club website	Low
If you are opening clubhouse facilities, ensure compliance with government guidance	Only a limited number of committee members have access to the gate code pad lock. Those who open up the facility should sanitise their hands prior to opening and when closing. The club house has its own risk assessment and procedures in line with bar and catering guidance	Low
Game/Training guidance		
Ensure equipment is cleaned and disinfected before and after use. This should include preparation of the pitch for training/matches which may include moving	Goals are placed in goals areas and players/official should not need to move these. If they do, sanitiser should be used before and after. The coach should be the only person to handle balls by hand at a session and	Low

goals, netting, corner flags etc.	the captain on a match day.	
Minimise the sharing of kit / equipment (including facemasks, goal keeping equipment etc.)	Face masks will be labelled and used by the same player who will also clean the mask after use. The mask will not be used by anyone else for minimum of 72 hours. Defenders will also be encouraged to purchase and use their own masks. Goal keeping equipment is restricted to being used by one person. If it has to be used by another there would be a minimum of 72 hours before it is used by another person by which point, research informs us the virus is no longer live on the surface.	Med
If providing face masks for defensive penalty corners, ensure masks are cleaned thoroughly before and after use and labelled to avoid sharing during games	As above	Med
No close physical contact (including hand shaking, huddles, sharing of water bottles etc.) in line with government guidance. This extends to pre, during and post-match meetings, briefings, de-briefs, half time talks, celebrations and any breaks in play.	This will be reiterated in briefings at all sessions and displayed on posters on the pitch and in toilet area	High
Ensure appropriate First Aid provisions are accessible (see https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/)	Action: First aid resources have been restocked October 2020 and first aid guidance will be followed	High
Consider whether personal protective equipment (PPE) is required to safely run	Use of regular sanitising and hand washing will be encouraged. Social distancing will be maintained when	High

hockey activity and who may require PPE (e.g. those providing first aid, physios etc.)	possible, with the exception of game play, face masks will be available in First Aid kits for first aiders who may need to be supporting someone from a close proximity and mouth guards and cloths provided for resus. The club has a resus machine stored in the main club house	
Ensure social distancing is maintained for substitutes, team staff, officials, spectators and during breaks in play, at start and end of sessions.	Advise provided on this at each session. Social distancing requirements set out using cones where required. People reminded not to congregate by coaches/captains/officials. Parents dropping off and collecting are asked to wear face coverings – these are also advised for spectating	Med
Follow guidance from officials regarding free hits, penalty strokes, penalty corners, restarts etc.	Players encouraged to follow the EH code of Ethics and behaviours at all times. If not followed Captains should substitute players not conforming	Med
Travel safety considerations will include not travelling with others outside of your family unless absolutely unavoidable.	In Tier 2 car sharing is not allowed unless travelling in a household/bubble. This has been communicated with member 2.12.2020. Those members living outside of the area under Tier 3 are currently not able to travel to play or training at the Northern club	High
Ensure players follow the code of behaviour ethics at all times. Spitting/shouting/unnecessary contact should not be tolerated	A firm approach to be used by officials to manage this	High

Ensure these actions are considered in line with completion of a risk assessment of hockey activity within your club

For further information regarding Covid-19 risk assessments, please visit England Hockey’s insurance centre, provided by Howden: <http://www.ps-hockey.co.uk/> or Sport England <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/coronavirus/return-play>