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 recommencement 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**

**Completed by:**

**Date completed:**

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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 | Completed – All Executive & Junior Committee Members have read. Discussed and minuted committee meetings. | LOW – Being managed LOW |
| Ensure details of your club/association’s COVID Officer have been shared with all members | Completed – Kate Tanner will undertake the role. | LOW – Being managed |
| 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. | Completed – OCHC using Teamo App to facilitate Test and Trace register. Allows for players and visitors to register and sign self-assessment declaration | LOW – Being managed |
| Ensure all participants have signed an England Hockey Participant Agreement prior to playing hockey | Ongoing – Requirements detailed Club’s COVID-19 Policy, posted on website emailed to all members requesting them complete.  Players and or parent / guardians who have not signed will not be allowed played. Working alongside Teamo and EH Club Portal to ensure we know who has and hasn’t signed. | MEDIUM – onus on individual to complete and data submitted to COVID Officer for review in timely fashion. |
| Ensure all participants are aware of all COVID-19 policies and processes in advance of activity | Ongoing – Requirements detailed Club’s COVID-19 Policy, posted on website emailed to all members requesting them complete.  Additionally all members or parent / guardian will be required to say they have read and understand policy through LoveAdmin tick box. | LOW – Being managed |
| 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 | Ongoing – new signage going in place regarding requirement for track and trace. OCHC will build on Step 2 guidelines put in place.  Part of our procedures to include briefing to Captains regarding arrival times, access to pitches, waiting zones and one-way system. | MEDIUM – onus on individuals to read Club policy |
| Handwashing facilities (including soap and water) are available. Alternatively (or additionally) provide sufficient hand sanitiser. Regular hand washing should be encouraged. | Ongoing – Club House managed by Gryphon Hospitability who have handwashing facilities in place along with sanitiser. Hand sanitiser available at side of pitch.  Junior Coaches to be provided with Hand Sanitiser. | LOW – Being managed |
| 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 | Hand sanitiser available at side of pitch.  Sealed bins at OCHC (Thames Ditton) pitch.  Need to liaise with SHS pitches Manor Road and Oaken Lane. | LOW – Being managed |
| Display of education pieces, such as a symptoms chart and handwashing guidance, to raise awareness and promote safe practices | COMPLETED – New signage place around OCHC (Thames Ditton) pitch.  Need to liaise with SHS pitches Manor Road and Oaken Lane. | LOW – Being managed |
| 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. | Ongoing – Director of Hockey to ensure all Coaches aware of need regulations | LOW – Being managed |
| Consider how to manage non-compliance with actions taken to manage the risks of Covid-19 | Ongoing – Players, coaches and visitors not complying with new rules will be asked to leave. | LOW – Being managed |
| Provisions in place to manage arrival/departure of individuals to/from your facilities | Ongoing – new signage going in place regarding requirement for track and trace. OCHC will build on Step 2 guidelines put in place. | LOW – Being managed |
| If you are opening clubhouse facilities, ensure compliance with government guidance | Ongoing – OC Club managed by Gryphon Hospitality who are following government guidelines.  New Step 4 England Hockey guidelines shared and discussed with Gryphon Hospitality. | LOW – Being managed |
| 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, netting etc. | Where equipment is moved individuals will be expected to use hand sanitiser before and after moving items.  Players only to touch club balls with sticks.  Balls, cones (and other equipment) disinfected in bleach solution before, between and after sessions. Club balls sanitised in bleach solution between sessions. New / ‘fresh - sanitised balls” used for each session.  For Juniors at Manor Road and Oaken Lane coaches assigned bag of balls for their sessions. After their session balls collected, hand sanitiser used and balls left for 72 hrs before use. | LOW – Being managed |
| Minimise the sharing of kit / equipment (including facemasks, goal keeping equipment etc.) | Ongoing - Requirements detailed Club’s COVID-19 Policy  Facemasks – New club approach will be that facemasks cannot be shared and individuals will need to buy their own.  Goalkeeper Kits – These are already assigned to individuals so not shared. | LOW – Being managed |
| If providing face masks for defensive penalty corners, ensure masks are cleaned thoroughly before and after use and labelled to avoid sharing during games | Facemasks – New club approach will be that facemasks cannot be shared and individuals will need to buy their own.  Club seeking discount for bulk buy from local sports firm. | LOW – Being managed |
| 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. | Ongoing - Requirements detailed Club’s COVID-19 Policy | LOW – Being managed |
| Ensure appropriate First Aid provisions are accessible (see <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>) | Ongoing – All First Aid kits to now include surgical face masks and gloves, plus sanitiser. Policy includes process for getting new provisions.  First Aid Policy updated to refer to COVID-19 Advice. | LOW – Being managed |
| Consider whether personal protective equipment (PPE) is required to safely run hockey activity and who may require PPE (e.g. those providing first aid, physios etc.) | Please see above | LOW – Being managed |
| Ensure social distancing is maintained for substitutes, team staff, officials, spectators and during breaks in play. | Ongoing – Requirements detailed Club’s COVID-19 Policy.  Build on signage OCHC put in place for Step 2 Return to Hockey guidelines. | LOW – Being managed |
| Follow guidance from officials regarding free hits, penalty strokes, penalty corners, restarts etc. | Ongoing – Requirements detailed Club’s COVID-19 Policy. | LOW – Being managed |
| Identify any further risks specific to your environment: |  |  |
| Pitch safe to use | Pitch has been maintained throughout COVID-19 through maintenance agreements with Smiths. Complies with International Hockey Federation (FIH) issued guidance on the safe return to hockey pitches. | LOW – Being managed |
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**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>