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**

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**Date completed: 14 August 2020**

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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 | All Committee members and captains required to read the guidance.  All Participants are encouraged to read the advice if possible. Link to guidance provided to all participants | Low risk |
| Ensure details of your club/association’s COVID Officer have been shared with all members | Details shared with all members and published on the club website | Low risk |
| 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. | Participation agreed in advance and register maintained on this basis.  Medium risk of one-off exceptions attending without advance registration. Risk mitigated by exceptions to be reported to COVID officer by coach or captain (or empowered individual if no coach or captain present)  Data retention policy in line with BBCHC guidelines and compliance with GDPR | Low-medium risk |
| Ensure all participants have signed an England Hockey Participant Agreement prior to playing hockey | All participants have been asked to sign participation agreement before commencing any hockey activity.  Participants contacted through social media channels and emails with follow-up from captains (for players) and committee members (for non-playing participants).  By participating in a hockey session an individual is confirming that they have signed the participation agreement | Medium risk – no control to ensure participants have signed the Participation Agreement (tacit confirmation of signing by attendance at a session) |
| Ensure all participants are aware of all COVID-19 policies and processes in advance of activity | Policies and processes are shared with all participants prior to start of activities  Any new participants to be made aware of policies and procedures before commencing hockey activities with BBCHC | Low Risk |
| 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 | Advice will be published in advance of each session for participants to consume.  Appropriate individual (coaches for training, captains at games or empowered individuals where a coach or captain is not present) to brief participants at the start of all activities on guidance and policies in place for that session.  Briefing to include guidance of social distancing, timings, entry/exit, cleaning, hand washing etc  Reminders on social distancing to be made during breaks in sessions | Medium risk  Human behaviour to group closer mitigated by initial briefing and reminders during the sessions. |
| Handwashing facilities (including soap and water) are available. Alternatively (or additionally) provide sufficient hand sanitiser. Regular hand washing should be encouraged. | Participants encouraged to bring hand sanitiser [tbc whether facilities are providing hand sanitiser at entry/exit points to pitch] | Medium risk – BBCHC not providing hand washing/sanitiser and relying on participants to provide their own |
| 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 | Not provided – no hand washing facilities provided by the club.  Participant equipment to be taken with them and any waste they produce to also be take with them. | Low risk |
| Display of education pieces, such as a symptoms chart and handwashing guidance, to raise awareness and promote safe practices | EHA posters and guidance forwarded to participants prior to commencement of activities as appropriate (e.g. symptoms chart)  [tbc any educational posters to be provided at Bablake facilities and whether supplementary signage is required from BBCHC] | Low risk |
| 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. | All coaches and captains required to have DBS checks  Supervision ratios at junior training to be appropriately maintained in line with EHA guidance | Low risk |
| Consider how to manage non-compliance with actions taken to manage the risks of Covid-19 |
| Provisions in place to manage arrival/departure of individuals to/from your facilities |
| If you are opening clubhouse facilities, ensure compliance with government guidance |
| 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, corner flags etc. | Coaches and captain responsible to cleaning / disinfecting balls and equipment brought to the game.  [TBC Facility provider to be responsible for preparation of pitch and cleaning/disinfecting pitch/pitchside equipment] | Low risk |
| Minimise the sharing of kit / equipment (including facemasks, goal keeping equipment etc.) | All participants have been advised that there is no sharing of equipment  If any equipment that may be shared (junior goalkeeper kit) is to be left for 72 hours before being used by another participants and any equipment covering the face to be cleaned and sanitised. | Low risk for personal equipment  Medium risk for junior goalkeeping kit |
| If providing face masks for defensive penalty corners, ensure masks are cleaned thoroughly before and after use and labelled to avoid sharing during games | Participants advised that facemasks should be provided by the individuals and not the club.  Participants to label face masks, not to be shared during sessions. Participants responsible for cleaning their own kit. | Low Risk |
| 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. | All participants advised on importance of social distancing before activities and messaging reinforced at breaks during activities | Low risk |
| Ensure appropriate First Aid provisions are accessible (see <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>) | First aid kit to present at each hockey session – each coach and captain to have a fully stocked first aid kit.  First aid kits to be self administered where possible. Participants to use hand sanitiser before opening a first aid kit.  First aid kits to include gloves to ensure no cross contamination should it be required multiple times during a session.  More serious first aid incidents to be referred to 999.  Incident report form to be completed for all incidents. | Medium risk |
| 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.) | No PPE should be required for outdoor environments where 2m social distancing is maintained when not actively playing. No separate first aider/physio etc provided.  First aid kits to include gloves as is already standard. | Low risk |
| Ensure social distancing is maintained for substitutes, team staff, officials, spectators and during breaks in play. | Briefing to participants and spectators that social distancing should be maintained. Reminders to be given during breaks in play. | Low risk |
| Follow guidance from officials regarding free hits, penalty strokes, penalty corners, restarts etc. | Participants to follow guidance from officials.  Participants to sign Participation Agreement which confirms participants will abide by EHA Code of Ethics | Low risk |
| Identify any further risks specific to your environment: |  |  |
| Maintain social distancing entering/exiting pitches at Coventry Schools | Narrow entrance way provides little opportunity for social distancing between individuals entering and exiting pitch space  [TBC – any one-way systems or mitigations put in place by service provider] | Medium risk |
| Use of changing facilities/showers | At this stage we are recommending members do not use changing facilities or shower facilities even if these are available | Low Risk |
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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>