

Lansdown Hockey Club Risk Assessment



Venue	Bournside Sports Centre & Brockworth Astro turf	Frequency of Activity	Weekly training & matches
Nature of Activity	Training & Matches		

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Area of Concern	Potential Hazard	Risk Score (Low/Medium/High)	Steps taken to minimise Risk
Access to the pitch via the car park	Risk of injury to members and associates by collision with a vehicle especially for junior players	Medium	Code of conduct for parents / carers states that young people should be accompanied to the Astro turf.
School playing fields run along the back of the pitch	Risk of injury to people on the field from hockey balls being lifted over the fence into the fields	Low	High level fencing in place around the astro turf to prevent the ball from leaving the pitch area.
Track area surrounding the astro turf	Risk of slips, trips and falls for players, spectators, coaches and umpires	Medium	LHC to maintain regular contact with the sport centre to ensure the track area is kept clear from debris (including leaves). Junior players to be supervised at all times by EH qualified coaches.
Spectators watching hockey matches	Risk of injury to spectators from balls leaving the playing area.	Medium	Qualified umpires used at all times. Club personnel to encourage spectators to stand back away from the pitch side.
Safety of players during training and matches	Risk of injury to players, coaches and umpires from hockey balls and sticks	Medium	Qualified coaches used during training and qualified umpires used for matches. Captains/Coaches/Umpires to check each player is appropriately dressed and wearing the correct safety equipment e.g. shin pads, gum shields.



Safety of players during training and matches	Risk of injury to players, coaches and umpires due to the surface of the Astroturf and surrounding area	Medium	<p>The pitch and goals to be inspected prior to every training session and match and any faults to be reported to Sport centre staff ASAP.</p> <p>All equipment not in use to be set well back from the pitch e.g. football goals, extra balls etc.</p>
Safety of players during training and matches	Risk of injury to players, coaches and umpires due to weather related pitch conditions.	Medium	Matches and training cancelled if the weather is detrimental to the pitch condition (e.g. frozen, poor visibility)
Safety of players during training	Risk of injury to players participating in coaching sessions caused by poor coaching methods and insufficient player to coach ratios.	Low	<p>Appropriately EH qualified coaches used at all times and volunteers / assistant coaches always supervised.</p> <p>Coaching sessions planned and coordinated and safety factors considered to ensure players can receive maximum benefit and all coaches know what they are doing.</p> <p>Small group activities set throughout training to maintain attention to detail and a good coach to player ratio.</p>
Emergency vehicles can access the astroturf	Risk of delay in the emergency services reaching the facility and attending to the incident/accident	Low	A working telephone is always available with access to emergency phone numbers. Emergency access points are checked and functioning at all times