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: Tom Honey (Covid Officer)**

**Date completed: 10/8/20**

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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 participants directed towards covid policies set out on club website. | Low |
| Ensure details of your club/association’s COVID Officer have been shared with all members | Email sent to all members and specific covid officer email address created. | Low |
| 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. | Registers taken at the start of each session. | Low |
| Ensure all participants have signed an England Hockey Participant Agreement prior to playing hockey | Email sent to all members and register cross referenced with membership database. | Low |
| Ensure all participants are aware of all COVID-19 policies and processes in advance of activity | All participants directed towards covid policies set out on club website. | Low |
| 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 | Coaches aware made aware of the return to play guidance outlined by EH. | Low |
| Handwashing facilities (including soap and water) are available. Alternatively (or additionally) provide sufficient hand sanitiser. Regular hand washing should be encouraged. | Changing room washing facilities made available as well as hand sanitizer stations on entrance. | Low |
| 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 | Only anti-bacterial gel made available. Bins available if needed. | Low |
| Display of education pieces, such as a symptoms chart and handwashing guidance, to raise awareness and promote safe practices | England Hockey return to play information displayed on entrance to facility. | Low |
| 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. | Club welfare officer made aware of all policies. | Low |
| 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 aware made aware of the return to play guidance outlined by EH. | Low |
| Minimise the sharing of kit / equipment (including facemasks, goal keeping equipment etc.) | Participants are asked to bring their own equipment. | Low |
| 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 are asked to bring their own equipment. | Low |
| 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. | Guidance is provided by coaches prior to sessions beginning. | Low |
| 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 equipment is readily available and coaches are suitably qualified. | Low |
| 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.) | Those that wish to wear suitable PPE are given the choice to do so. | Low |
| Ensure social distancing is maintained for substitutes, team staff, officials, spectators and during breaks in play. | Spectators are to congregate on designated side of pitch, players to the other. Coaches told where to run substitutes prior to game starting. | Low |
| Follow guidance from officials regarding free hits, penalty strokes, penalty corners, restarts etc. | Officials to reinforce rules of the following. | Low |
| Identify any further risks specific to your environment: | n/a |  |
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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>