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 Saffron Walden Hockey Club**

**Completed by: Russell WAY**

**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 |  |  |
| Ensure details of your club/association’s COVID Officer have been shared with all members |  |  |
| 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. |  |  |
| Ensure all participants have signed an England Hockey Participant Agreement prior to playing hockey |  |  |
| Ensure all participants are aware of all COVID-19 policies and processes in advance of activity |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Handwashing facilities (including soap and water) are available. Alternatively (or additionally) provide sufficient hand sanitiser. Regular hand washing should be encouraged. |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Display of education pieces, such as a symptoms chart and handwashing guidance, 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. |  |  |
| 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. |  |  |
| Minimise the sharing of kit / equipment (including facemasks, goal keeping equipment etc.) |  |  |
| If providing face masks for defensive penalty corners, ensure masks are cleaned thoroughly before and after use and labelled to avoid sharing during games |  |  |
| 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. |  |  |
| Ensure appropriate First Aid provisions are accessible (see <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>) |  |  |
| 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.) |  |  |
| Ensure social distancing is maintained for substitutes, team staff, officials, spectators and during breaks in play. |  |  |
| Follow guidance from officials regarding free hits, penalty strokes, penalty corners, restarts etc. |  |  |
| Identify any further risks specific to your environment: |  |  |
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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>