



Eastcote Hockey Club Risk Assessment to move to EH Step 5 for Hockey League Matches (OUTDOOR)

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Updated: 24/08/2020 (Step 4 – friendly and inter club games)

Updated: 25/09/2020 (Step 5 League matches, and additional constraints introduced by the Government on 22 Sep 20 and in law from 24 Sep 20)

Updated 28/09/2020 (revised England Hockey Step 5 guidance issued 25 Sep 20)

Note 1: ~~Local Match Play – Intra club / local matches can happen but restrictions stop leagues / main competitions resuming~~

Note 2: This guidance is applicable to both individual games and tournaments

Note 3: This assessment applies to juniors and seniors, includes tournaments and league matches under England Hockey's Step 5 decision.

Note 4: This assessment does not cover for travel to or games played outside of England.

Note 5: Step 5 changes in blue

Risk	Risk to	Detailed risk	Risk Level	Mitigation	Post mitigation risk level	Resp.	Action and Date
Lack of information provided	General public, players, officials, visitors, club management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Local lock down arrangements ignored Awareness of details of move to Step 4 published by EH 	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-restrictions-areas-with-an-outbreak-of-coronavirus-covid-19. Communication via w/site, social media and newsletter Share Step 4 guidance from EH via w/site, social media and newsletter Posters (EH provided) displayed at pitch Signage for spectators to ensure social distancing in line with government rules Management Committee to undertake spot checks to ensure rules are being adhered to and breaches are dealt with quickly and effectively. 	L	<p>COVID-19 Officer & EHBC Management Committee responsible for putting arrangements in place and ensuring/monitoring compliance.</p> <p>Participants responsible for being aware of guidance and complying. In the</p>	<p>25 Sep 20 Hillingdon Borough Council have written twice to Licensed Premises, and these have been read and actioned.</p>

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						<p>case of U18s this is the responsibility of parents.</p> <p>Information cascaded to from COVID Officer, through captains to players, especially about legal requirement to always comply with 'rule of six'.</p>	
Spreading the infection on the way to the Eastro and before playing	General public, players, officials, visitors, club management	<p>3. COVID symptoms in EHBC participants</p> <p>4. COVID symptoms in EHBC participant households</p> <p>5. COVID symptoms in opposition participants</p> <p>6. Participants don't carry out pre-attendance hand washing etc</p>	H	<p>6. Authorized persons to open and prepare pitch for playing activity – zones for players, officials and spectators</p> <p>7. Guidance to all participants relating to pre-attendance COVID checks and hand washing– with requirement to inform COVID officer.</p> <p>8. Captains and coaches to ensure any different requirements for away matches, or pitches other than EASTRO, are communicated to all attending in their group.</p> <p>9. Guidance regarding government travel required travel arrangements (reference 7). For car sharing: you should try not to share a vehicle with those outside your household or support bubble. If you need to car share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> do share the transport with the same people each time. keep to small groups of up to 6 people at any one time. open windows for ventilation. travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow. face away from each other. consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle. 		<p>COVID-19 Officer & EHBC Management Committee responsible for putting arrangements in place and ensuring/monitoring compliance.</p> <p>Participants responsible for being aware of guidance and complying. In the case of U18s this is the responsibility of parents.</p>	<p>25 Sep 20</p> <p>Track and trace via QR code for club reviewed to ensure compliance</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products - make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch. ask the driver and passengers to <u>wear a face covering</u>. <p>10. Guidance regarding congregation when arriving in carpark</p> <p>11. Guidance regarding changing room closure and requirement to arrive changed and ready to play</p> <p>12. Guidance regarding equipment to be brought to pitch and not sharing</p> <p>13. EH Participation Agreement Form completed and checked prior to entry to pitch area – pitch marshal role extended</p> <p>14. QR code and website details provided at side of pitch to ensure participant provision of attendance details; COVID officer to review compliance weekly.</p> <p>15. Hand sanitizer provided at entrance to pitch must be used</p> <p>16. Guidance on availability and procedures for use of toilets (open pre/post games for 30 mins) – prevent congregation in entrances to Club House and toilets.</p> <p>17. Management Committee to undertake spot checks to ensure rules are being adhered to and breaches are dealt with quickly and effectively.</p>			
Spreading the infection while Playing	General public, players, officials, visitors, club management	<p>7. Risk of spectators mingling in the carpark and beside the pitch during the game and at half time in groups of more than 6 people.</p> <p>8. Risk that players and coaches pass the infection on during warm-ups both before the game and when</p>	H	<p>18. For tournaments the risk is higher due to the number of participants and the social element of the event. On the pitch, there will be no more than 30 people allowed in any one group but there may be more than one group on the pitch. No alcohol is to be consumed within the pitch fencing. Areas for teams in groups of no more than 6 participants/spectators will be demarked outside the pitch fencing on the grass areas and away from the carpark for resting between games. Spectators/parents to stand in designated spaces in the viewing area at the side of the pitch – no more that 30 spectators. Participants are requested to park in the Club House Car Park and surrounding area to prevent congestion at the Eastro. Captains to appoint a person to remind players of the COVID rules. In/Out directions and one-way system provided to separate players leaving/entering pitch.</p> <p>19. Appropriate signposting at Eastro showing Spectators</p>	M	<p>COVID-19 Officer & EHBC Management Committee responsible for putting arrangements in place and ensuring/monitoring compliance.</p> <p>Participants responsible for being aware of guidance and complying. In the case of U18s this is the responsibility of</p>	

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		<p>substitutes are preparing to play.</p> <p>9. Risk that infection is passed on through the sharing of equipment.</p> <p>10. Risk to players and coaching staff due to proximity at the side of the pitch and in and around the dugouts and through touching bags etc of others.</p> <p>11. Risk associated with the treatment of injuries.</p> <p>12. Risk associated with excessive shouting at other players or umpires/coaches</p> <p>13. Risk associated with the proximity of players to each other during short-corners.</p> <p>14. Risk associated with spitting on the pitch.</p> <p>15. Risk associated</p>		<p>where they can stand and EH Participant's and Coaches Guides sent to Players and Coaches in advance of competitive games to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporters, parents, and other spectators to remain socially distanced whilst attending events. • Spectator groups are restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and spread out, in accordance with legislation. • Warm up exercises do not promote overly close contact between players and coaches. • Respect for opposition and umpires • Penalty Corners and Free-hits around the D are taken promptly • The ball is only touched with stick/GK equipment and not hands • Use of own protective equipment or club equipment is disinfected before use (e.g. facemasks) • Social distance is maintained when play stops • Excessive shouting or any spitting is eliminated • No handshakes with other players or close contact during goal celebrations or at the end of the game takes place • Hand sanitiser is used on entry to the pitch and participants advised to bring own hand gel. • Substitutes and coaches socially distance on the touchline or in the dugout. The dugouts will be marked out to support social distancing. • No sharing of water bottles • No sharing of equipment • Players and officials kit bags and belongings are placed 2m apart on the dugout side of the pitch • Injury treatment is undertaken using masks and gloves (provided as part of First Aid kit to coaches). Hands are sanitised at the earliest opportunity. • Management Committee to undertake spot checks to ensure rules are being adhered to and breaches are dealt with quickly and effectively. • England hockey guidance on application of the legislation on groups of 30 is: 		parents.	

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		with gathering of players during breaks in play.		<p>NB Guidance update regarding 30 people on a pitch. <i>The number of 30 people on a pitch at any one time relates to a single group. Multiple groups can be on the same pitch if the groups are clearly separate and not mixing. Coaches can move between groups as long as they are socially distanced, and the group size remains 30 or under.</i></p> <p>For training sessions - each group on the pitch cannot exceed 30 and must be clearly in different groups. It is the responsibility of those managing pitch bookings to ensure this can be done safely and appropriately in line with your risk assessment.</p> <p>For warm-ups before matches & cool downs after matches – each group on the pitch cannot exceed 30 and must be clearly in different groups (i.e. each of the two teams is a different group as they are running activity separately at this point). This is usually done by assigning one half of the pitch to each team.</p> <p>For matches – when a game starts both teams become one group which cannot exceed 30 (including umpires) on the pitch. During a hockey match there should be no more than 24 people on the pitch at any one time (two teams of 11 players and two umpires). Team staff and substitute players are not included in the number of 30 as they are not involved in the activity taking place on the pitch. They must remain socially distanced off the pitch in the dugout, benches or side-lines.</p> <p>For team talks and de-briefs – social distancing must be maintained during all team talks, including during pre-match huddles and at penalty corner huddles.</p> <p>Outside of the pitch – Government guidance on gatherings must always be followed.</p>			
Risk of infection during changeover between games	General public, players, officials, visitors, club management	<p>16. Risk associated with gathering of players and spectators when games changeover.</p> <p>17. Risk of infection from touchpoints.</p>	M	<p>20. Aim to plan fixtures so that there is at least 10 minutes gap between games to allow safe entry and exit to the ground and avoid congregations</p> <p>21. Appropriate signposting at Eastro reminding participants and players that they must wait until previous games have vacated the pitch area before entering the pitch area</p> <p>22. Signage to remind participants that social distancing of 2 m and groups of no more than 6 people must be maintained at all times.</p> <p>23. Deleted (cleaning by pitch marshal)</p>	M	<p>COVID-19 Officer & EHBC Management Committee responsible for putting arrangements in place and ensuring/monitoring compliance.</p> <p>Participants responsible for being aware of guidance and complying. In the case of U18s this is the responsibility of parents.</p>	
At the end of games and on leaving the venue	General public, players, officials, visitors, club	18. Risk of participants gathering in groups larger than 6 and not	M	<p>24. Signage requesting that participants use the hand sanitiser provided on leaving the pitch. [Possibly need more hand sanitisers to prevent congregation]</p> <p>25. Signage and guidance requiring all payments for match fees etc to be made with contactless payment.</p>	M/L	COVID-19 Officer & EHBC Management Committee responsible for putting	

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	management	<p>socially distancing</p> <p>19. Risks associated with players socializing after games in the club vicinity</p> <p>20. Risks associated with participants not maintaining social distancing in the Club House – see Club House risk assessment and guidance. (Web reference)</p> <p>21. Risks associated with players and officials changing and showering in close proximity after the game.</p>		<p>26. Signage to remind participants that social distancing of 2 m and groups of no more than 6 people must be maintained at all times.</p> <p>27. Signage on outside of pitch setting out post-match arrangements for leaving the venue and using the Club House.</p> <p>28. Changing rooms to remain closed and toilets to be open for 30 mins after the game.</p> <p>29. <i>Use of Club House for teas post-match to ensure rule of six, especially at entrance/exit, no mingling between groups, separate track and trace, registered with and display NHS track and trace QR code, table service only for teas and in the bar, face masks worn indoors except when eating or drinking, one way routing.</i></p>		<p>arrangements in place and ensuring/monitoring compliance.</p> <p>Participants responsible for being aware of guidance and complying. In the case of U18s this is the responsibility of parents.</p>	

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