HC Knole Park – Return to Hockey During COVID-19 Risk Assessment December

Location – Tonbridge School Centre.

Persons at Risk – Players and Coaches.

Risk Assessment carried out by HC Knole Park.

Task/Activity/ Environment being assessed	**What are the hazards or dangers**	**Degree of personal injury**	**Existing controls to either eliminate or reduce the risk of an incident happening**	**Probability of an incident happening**	**Risk rating with the measures being in place**
Getting back on the pitch following the Covid-19 pandemic	Risk of the spread of the Covid-19 infection	Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect the lungs and airways.	HCKP will ensure that advice and guidance to players, coaches, club committee members and others is compliant with covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation and England Hockey advice on Getting Back on the Pitch – Step 4. This will include:	Possible	Medium/Low

			Hockey will only be played in the following situations: • A maximum of 30 people who do not live in the same household. • All participants must be covered by suitable insurance. Based on this, only current registered HCKP members will be eligible to use the pitch. • The coaches are first aid trained to provide emergency first aid if required. • If there are concerns regarding not following the guidance, then a HCKP club representative at the pitch will ask players/coaches to leave and the incident will be managed following the club's disciplinary policy and procedures.		

Access to facilities	Access to water or toilets.	Risk of dehydration	• Players and coaches will be made aware that there will be no access to changing facilities. • The toilets should be used for emergencies only. • Players and coaches will be advised to bring their own water. • Players and coaches will be reminded that food is not permitted at the pitch unless for medical purposes.	Unlikely	Low
Travelling to the pitch			If travelling to the pitch, people are advised to follow government advice on travel.	Possible	Low

Access to the pitch	Players/coaches will need to access the pitch via the gates	Reduce risks of cross contamination between people accessing the pitch	• Entry will be through the normal gate, the right one when you approach the pitch, and exit will now be through the gate on the left. • Gates to the pitch will remain open during sessions. This is to reduce the number of people touching the gates and to reduce the risk of contamination/cross infection. • Gates will be disinfected in between each session. • Spectators are allowed outside the pitch on the bank on the left but must maintain social distancing rules at all times. The spectators area is closed.		
Personal Care and Hygiene	Risk of cross contamination if standard precautions are not followed	Potential to become infected with Covid-19	• Players' and Coaches' temperature will be taken and checked before entering the pitch. • Hand sanitising gel will be available at the gates. Players and coaches will be asked to sanitise their hands before entering the pitch and when leaving. • HCKP will also recommend that people bring their own hand sanitiser. • Players and coaches will be reminded to not come to the pitch to play if they, or a member of their household is unwell and displaying signs/symptoms of Covid-19. • Please also see section on equipment.	Possible	Medium/Low

Equipment	Risk of cross contamination if equipment is shared between different households	Risk of cross contamination from equipment	• Players are asked to wipe down equipment used prior to playing and after playing, with their own antibacterial wipes. • Players are advised to not touch or pick up other players equipment. • They are advised to only touch hockey balls with their stick. • Players are asked to ensure that they take all their equipment home and that if equipment is left, it will be picked up safely and disposed of safely to avoid risk to others.	Possible	Medium/Low
Track and Trace	Maintain Register of ALL Attendees	Not having a register could allow for spread of Covid-19	• Every person to attend the pitch to have completed the England Hockey online declaration. • Every person attending the pitch MUST sign in and provide contact details, ideally with the NHS Covid-19 app. • If a person contracted Covid-19 they should report immediately to the club's Covid-19 officer, Catherine Medlen at hckp.welfare@gmail.com • Track and trace data to be kept for 21 days • Track and trace data to be sent to England Hockey every day as per EH guidelines	Unlikely	Low

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