

Cambridge Hockey Club (CHC)

Risk Assessment for Hockey Sessions

Venue: St Johns College Sports Ground, Queen's Road, CB3 9AQ	Approved by: CHC President – Will Sheerin
	Signed: Who Zace
Date: 3 October 2022	Review Date: 1 September 2023
Facility operated by: St Johns College Grounds Staff (SJC)	

Playing Area/Training Area

Check that the area and surroundings are safe and free from obstacles, check floor, roof leaks, lighting, heating, security and welfare.

What are the Hazards	Who might be harmed?	Risk Level	Action(s) to Minimise Risk	Action by	Action date	Progress
Cold weather leading to frozen pitch	Players and coaches	Low/Medium	Inspection of pitches prior to each session by the responsible club officer (captain or coach leading session). If pitch deemed unfit for play responsible officer to cancel session and inform participants.	Responsible club officer (coach or captain)	Ongoing	
Equipment in poor working order: Pitch, Goals, Fencing and Lights	Players and coaches	Low	SJC responsible for regular inspections & maintenance of playing surface and surrounding environs. CHC to ensure all equipment in good working order before play and is suitable for age/group ability. CHC to check there is no equipment left from other activities or obstructions left on the pitch. Goals Check goals for damage through misuse. Check nets are in good repair – no broken links. Check backboards and posts are secure. CHC to report any defects with goals to SJC Grounds Staff.	Responsible club officer (coach or captain) to report any issues to SJC Grounds Staff	Ongoing	



			Fencing Check there are no damaged or missing panels in the fencing around the pitch. CHC to report any damaged or missing areas to SJC Grounds Staff. Lights SJC are responsible for the maintenance and operation of the floodlights at the pitch. CHC to report any damaged or missing bulbs to SJC Grounds Staff.			
Personal Injury: slips, trips and falls	Players, coaches and spectators	Low	Ensure that the pitch area and surroundings are safe and free from obstacles	Responsible club officer (coach or captain)	Ongoing	
Personal Injury: Injury due to impact by hockey ball/stick, impact between players and/or equipment such as the goal	Players, coaches, spectators & other pitch users	Medium – High	Coaching Hockey is intrinsically dangerous, there is a risk of injury to those participating and observing. Coaches must ensure all drills are set up with by-standers and other potential pitch users in mind and will ensure that safety in the planning and delivery of sessions is paramount. Shooting drills must be towards a 'goal end' of the pitch or cross pitch, never towards the opposite end of the pitch. Cones to be put out marking half pitch separation point/'buffer' zone. Protective Equipment Captains and Coaches to ensure junior players have the correct protective equipment — should they not, they will not be allowed to participate in a session: • All players must wear gum shields and shin pads • Goalkeepers must wear correct GK kit First Aid provision • The captain/coach will arrange suitable medical treatment for all players	Responsible club officer (coach or captain)	Ongoing	



	 First Aid kit to be accessible at all times CHC will have a first aider present at all CHC sessions Coach/Cpatain to always have access to a phone to call 999 An incident/accident report must be completed in the CHC accident book for ANY player requiring treatment Inform parent/carer if player U18 CHC will complete the England Hockey online 'Injury Monitoring Form' following injuries sustained that require one or more of the following: a) Treatment from a first aid specialist b) Hospital treatment c) Subsequent visit(s) to a GP 	
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General Grounds at SJC

In addition to the all-weather pitch, the site consists of open playing fields, a pavilion and significant planting providing natural boundaries between different areas.

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Personal Injury – slips trips and falls	CHC members, players, coaches, parents of members, spectators, SJC Ground Staff	Low	Responsibility of CHC Clearly communicate to members the possibility of uneven ground when walking from the car park to the pitch and from the pitch to the pavilion toilet Responsibility of SJC All sports surfaces are appropriate for use, regularly maintained and checked.	Responsible club officer (coach or captain), SJC Grounds Staff	Ongoing	
Personal Injury – coming into contact with trees/planting	CHC members, players, coaches, parents of members, spectators, SJC Ground Staff	Low	Responsibility of SJC Site was designed appropriately with all planting and species located with safety in mind. All areas regularly maintained and cut back by trained, experienced ground staff.	SJC Grounds Staff	Ongoing	



Car Park

The Car Park is located on Queen's Road, the entrance is barrier controlled, which may be lifted for an event. At other times use the intercom adjacent to the barrier for access. What3words: (going.cattle.gown)

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Hazards	harmed?					
Personal Injury	CHC members,	Medium	Responsibility of CHC	All	Ongoing	
and damage to	players, coaches,		CHC to clearly communicate to members and those affiliated with			
vehicles:	parents of		members the importance of driving carefully and respecting speed			
	members,		limits on site and to any parents of children that the children are			
Collision between	spectators, SJC		escorted safely across the car park to pedestrian areas.			
moving vehicles	Ground Staff					
(including			CHC to communicate to members and those affiliated with members			
bicycles)			to use flashlights in the car park in hours of darkness if no other light			
			available.			
Collision between						
moving and			CHC to report any defects in the car park to the College.			
stationary						
vehicles			Responsibility of SJC			
(including			Surfaces in car park to be inspected regularly for safety.			
bicycles)			Access barrier closed when facilities are closed.			
Collision between						
moving vehicles						
and trees						