

SUBHC RISK ASSESSMENT



SUBHC Risk Assessment for Hockey Activities - 2026/27 Season

Venue: Norton Sports Centre, Meadowhead School, relevant indoor venues, away venues and community/school delivery sites	Completed (name): Richard Kirtley	Position: Club Vice-Chairman
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Hazard / Risk	Initial Risk	Control Measures / Required Action	Escalation / Responsible Person	Residual Risk
HOW THIS ASSESSMENT MUST BE USED				
Failure to complete a dynamic pre-session check	High	Before every session/match, the coach/captain/session lead checks pitch/hall, goals, run-off areas, lighting, weather, access, equipment, first aid and any new hazards. Record significant issues. Do not start if a serious risk cannot be controlled.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager / Club Secretary	Low
Change of venue, activity, guidance or circumstances	High	Review this assessment whenever there is a new venue, different activity, material incident, extreme weather, significant equipment/facility change or updated England Hockey guidance.	Club Secretary / Executive Committee	Low
Unclear responsibility for safety decisions	Medium	The person leading the activity has authority to stop, modify, postpone or abandon it. Venue staff manage facility infrastructure; SUBHC remains responsible for assessing suitability during its activity.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
VENUE ACCESS, PITCH / HALL AND SURROUNDINGS				
Debris, damage, standing water, ice, contamination or unsafe playing surface	High	Inspect playing area before use. Remove debris where safe; report defects; isolate unsafe areas; adjust drills or move/cancel activity if traction or surface integrity is unsafe.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Unsafe run-off areas, open gates, fences, benches, posts or fixed obstacles	High	Check full run-off and access routes. Keep gates shut where required; move portable items clear; pad/isolate hazards where possible; do not use the area if safe run-off cannot be maintained.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Unsecured, damaged or incorrectly positioned goals/nets	High	Check goals are stable, correctly assembled/anchored and nets secure. Never allow climbing/hanging on goals. Remove unsafe goals from use and notify venue.	Coach/Captain / Venue Duty Manager	Low

Manual movement of goals or heavy equipment	Medium	Use sufficient adults and correct handling technique; follow manufacturer/venue instructions; juniors must not move heavy goals unsupervised; keep hands/feet clear of pinch points.	Coach / Venue Staff	Low
Poor lighting or floodlight failure	High	Confirm lighting is adequate before and during play. Stop activity if players cannot clearly see the ball, lines, other players or hazards. Follow venue procedure for power/floodlight failure.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Slips, trips and falls in changing rooms, corridors, spectator areas and car parks	Medium	Keep bags/equipment out of walkways; use lit designated routes; report spills/damage; supervise juniors moving between areas.	All leaders / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Crowding of dugouts, benches or technical areas	Medium	Keep non-essential equipment and spectators outside designated team areas; maintain emergency access and clear substitution routes.	Team Captain/Manager / Umpires	Low
Unauthorised access to pitch during activity	Medium	Use gates/barriers where available; brief spectators/parents; pause play if a person or animal enters the playing area.	Umpires / Session Lead	Low
Fire, evacuation or venue emergency	High	Leaders know exits, assembly points and venue emergency arrangements; keep exits clear; take attendance register if safe; account for juniors and follow venue/emergency-service instructions.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Emergency vehicle access obstructed	High	Keep designated access points clear. Know the pitch/hall address and best ambulance access point. Send a responsible adult to meet emergency services when required.	First Aider / Session Lead / Venue Staff	Low
WEATHER AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS				
Lightning / thunderstorm	High	Monitor conditions and weather warnings. Suspend activity immediately where lightning poses a risk; move participants to a substantial building/appropriate shelter and only resume when conditions are clearly safe in line with venue and governing-body guidance.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Extreme heat, sun or high UV	High	Modify intensity/duration; schedule breaks; ensure drinking water; encourage sun protection; watch for heat illness; stop and cool anyone showing symptoms. Consider cancellation for unsafe conditions.	Session Lead / First Aider	Low
Extreme cold, ice, snow or wind chill	High	Inspect surface and surroundings; ensure suitable clothing during stoppages; shorten/modify sessions; do not play on unsafe frozen/icy surfaces; monitor vulnerable participants.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Heavy rain, flooding or strong winds	High	Monitor surface drainage, visibility and loose objects. Suspend/cancel if footing, ball control, visibility, goal stability or travel becomes unsafe.	Session Lead / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Poor air quality / smoke / pollution	Medium	Assess local conditions and participant vulnerabilities; reduce exertion or move/cancel activity where air quality presents a health risk.	Session Lead	Low
HOCKEY ACTIVITY - CONTACT, BALL AND STICK RISKS				
Collision between players	High	Age/ability-appropriate drills; clear coaching; enforce rules and safe tackling; manage numbers/space; separate incompatible groups; stop reckless or dangerous play.	Coach / Umpire	Medium
Ball impact to head, face, teeth or body	High	Coach safe technique and awareness; enforce rules; strong recommendation for mouthguard and shin/ankle protection; use appropriate ball type for age/activity; ensure required protective equipment for goalkeepers and relevant set-piece roles.	Coach / Umpire	Medium
Stick impact / raised stick	High	Teach and enforce safe stick control; adequate spacing; no uncontrolled swinging; stop dangerous play; adapt drills for beginners/juniors.	Coach / Umpire	Medium
Dangerous raised ball / aerial ball	High	Only use aerial/raised-ball drills with suitably skilled groups, clear zones and active supervision. Stop drills where control/spacing is	Coach	Medium

		inadequate.		
Penalty corner / defensive set-piece injury	High	Only suitably briefed and equipped participants; ensure correct protective equipment where permitted/required; controlled set-up; no participation beyond competence.	Coach / Umpire / Captain	Medium
Falls / ankle, knee or soft-tissue injury	Medium	Structured warm-up; progressive loading; appropriate footwear; maintain surface quality; encourage players to report pain/fatigue and stop if injured.	Coach / Player	Low
Overexertion, fatigue or sudden increase in training load	Medium	Progress intensity; include rest/recovery; rotate players; avoid punitive conditioning; individualise return after injury/absence; stop if symptoms suggest illness/injury.	Coach	Low
Dehydration	Medium	Water available and accessible; regular drink breaks, especially in heat/long sessions; do not restrict hydration as a disciplinary measure.	Coach / Players	Low
INDOOR HOCKEY SPECIFIC				
Limited run-off / proximity to walls and benches	High	Inspect hall; establish safe boundaries; keep doors/benches/equipment clear; control speed and drill direction; no dangerous drills into confined areas.	Coach / Venue Duty Manager	Medium
Slippery or contaminated indoor floor	High	Inspect and clean/dry before play; correct footwear; stop activity if surface remains unsafe.	Coach / Venue Duty Manager	Low
High-speed ball rebound in confined space	High	Use age/ability-appropriate ball and drills; enforce indoor rules and safe ball height; active supervision; position non-participants behind safe boundaries.	Coach / Umpire	Medium
Poor ventilation / excessive indoor temperature	Medium	Use venue ventilation; provide breaks and hydration; reduce intensity; stop if conditions become unsafe.	Coach / Venue Duty Manager	Low

Equipment, Emergency Preparedness and Matchday Operations

This section covers hockey equipment, goal safety, personal protective equipment, first aid, emergency access, incident reporting, matchday operations and travel. Equipment must be appropriate to the activity and age/ability of participants, inspected before use, and removed from service if damaged or unsafe.

Hazard / Risk	Initial Risk	Control Measures / Required Action	Escalation / Responsible Person	Residual Risk
EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT				
Damaged sticks, balls, cones or training aids	Medium	Visual check before use; remove cracked/sharp/damaged equipment immediately; store safely away from run-off areas.	Coach / Equipment Lead	Low
Incorrectly sized or unsuitable equipment for juniors/beginners	Medium	Select sticks/balls/equipment appropriate to age, size and ability; use softer/modified balls where appropriate.	Coach / Junior Lead	Low
Goalkeeping equipment damaged, poorly fitted or incomplete	High	Goalkeepers must use appropriate, correctly fitted protective equipment. Inspect helmet, throat/neck protection, body armour, hand, leg and foot protection; replace/repair unsafe kit.	GK / Coach / Equipment Lead	Low
Insufficient shin, ankle or mouth protection	High	England Hockey strongly recommends shin, ankle and mouth protection. Coaches communicate expectations and parents/players are reminded regularly; activity is adapted where a participant lacks required equipment for a specific role.	Coach / Junior Lead	Medium
Protective face masks / specialist protection used incorrectly	Medium	Only suitable equipment in good condition; correct fit; users briefed on safe removal/storage and applicable rules.	Coach / Captain	Low
Loose jewellery, watches or unsafe clothing	Medium	Remove or safely cover items that could injure wearer/others; secure hair; suitable footwear and clothing for surface/weather.	Coach / Umpire	Low
Equipment bags, balls or bottles creating trip hazards	Medium	Designated storage area away from pitch entrances, run-off and emergency routes.	Team Manager / Coach	Low
FIRST AID, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT				
No suitably trained first aider available	High	Plan for at least one first-aid-trained individual per match or training session, consistent with England Hockey recommendation. Confirm cover before activity; know venue provision and escalation route.	Session Lead / Club Committee	Low
First aid kit unavailable/incomplete	High	Accessible stocked kit appropriate to hockey; check regularly and replenish after use. Team/coach knows location.	First Aider / Team Manager	Low
AED location unknown or inaccessible	High	Know nearest AED and venue access arrangements before activity; keep emergency access routes clear; follow 999 call-handler instructions.	First Aider / Venue Duty Manager	Low
Suspected concussion / head injury	High	Recognise and remove immediately. Apply England Hockey / UK grassroots concussion guidance: "if in doubt, sit them out". No return to sport within 24 hours of a suspected concussion; thereafter follow appropriate medical advice and a graduated return-to-activity/sport process. Parent/guardian informed for U18s.	First Aider / Coach / Parent/Guardian	Medium
Serious injury, collapse or life-threatening medical event	High	Stop activity, protect casualty, call 999 when indicated, provide first aid within competence, send someone to meet ambulance, preserve access and document incident.	First Aider / Session Lead	Medium
Bleeding / open wound / blood contamination	Medium	Stop player; use gloves/first aid precautions; control bleeding; clean contaminated surface/equipment using venue procedure; only return when wound covered and safe.	First Aider / Venue Staff	Low

Known medical condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes, severe allergy, epilepsy)	High	Relevant information and emergency contact accessible to leader; participant retains/has access to prescribed rescue medication; individual arrangements agreed where required. Leaders act within competence and call emergency services when needed.	Participant/Parent / Coach / First Aider	Medium
Acute illness / infectious symptoms	Medium	Unwell participants do not take part where activity may worsen illness or pose infection risk; follow current public-health/venue guidance when applicable.	Participant/Parent / Session Lead	Low
Injury not recorded or reported	Medium	Record club incidents promptly. Report injuries to England Hockey where required, including significant head injury/concussion, hospital/GP treatment or first-aid-specialist treatment; inform parent/guardian for U18s.	Team Manager / Club Secretary	Low
Return to play too early after injury	High	No pressure to return. Follow medical/physio advice and sport-specific protocols; graded return after concussion; adapt training during rehabilitation.	Player/Parent / Coach / Medical professional	Low
Pregnancy / post-pregnancy participation risks	Medium	Offer confidential individual discussion and reasonable adjustments; participant seeks appropriate medical advice where needed; apply England Hockey pregnancy guidance and individual risk assessment rather than blanket exclusion.	Participant / Coach / Club Welfare/Committee	Low
MATCHDAY, OFFICIATING AND TRAVEL				
Unsafe match setup / no pre-match inspection	High	Home team/captain checks pitch, goals, lighting, first aid and access before warm-up. Umpires briefed on any concern. Serious unresolved hazards = no play.	Captain/Manager / Umpires / Venue Staff	Low
Abuse, aggression or threatening behaviour	Medium	Apply club Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedures; captains/officials de-escalate; remove individuals from activity where necessary; contact venue security/police for serious threats.	Captain / Umpire / Club Committee	Low
Umpire/official positioned in unsafe area or struck during drills	Medium	Keep officials and non-participants clear of warm-up/drill danger zones; communicate before balls are hit toward goals/side-lines.	Coach / Captain	Low
Travel to away fixtures - fatigue, poor weather, unsafe driving	High	Drivers are licensed, insured and fit to drive; no alcohol/drugs; seatbelts used; allow adequate travel time and breaks; postpone/alter travel where severe conditions make journey unsafe.	Driver / Team Captain	Low
Transporting juniors / adults at risk	High	Follow safeguarding and transport arrangements; parental consent and clear collection/drop-off plans; avoid inappropriate one-to-one transport except where policy/exception arrangements permit and are documented.	Junior Lead / Team Manager / DSL	Low
Lost participant / late collection	High	Maintain attendance/collection arrangements for juniors; do not leave a child alone; follow safeguarding procedure and contact parent/guardian/DSL as appropriate.	Coach / Junior Lead / DSL	Low

Participants, Safeguarding and Session Management

Attendance, emergency contacts and relevant medical information must be available to the session lead. Activity must be appropriate to age, ability and individual needs. Safeguarding concerns are managed under SUBHC safeguarding policies and England Hockey safeguarding guidance.

Hazard / Risk	Initial Risk	Control Measures / Required Action	Escalation / Responsible Person	Residual Risk
PARTICIPANT SUITABILITY, SESSION DESIGN AND INCLUSION				
Activity not matched to age, ability or experience	High	Plan progressive drills; group by competence where needed; explain rules and hazards; increase challenge only when control is demonstrated.	Coach / Session Lead	Low
Inadequate supervision / coach-to-player coverage	High	Plan staffing for group size, age and activity complexity; maintain visibility of all groups; stop/modify activity if safe supervision cannot be maintained.	Coach / Junior Lead	Low
Junior player participating with adults / mixed-age hockey	High	Apply England Hockey safeguarding guidance for adults on teams with young players; assess physical maturity, competence and welfare; appropriate consent, supervision, behaviour standards and changing arrangements.	Junior Lead / DSL / Coach	Medium
Adult at risk requires additional support	Medium	Reasonable individual adjustments; clear communication; follow safeguarding adults policy; involve appropriate carer/support person with consent where relevant.	Coach / DSL	Low
Participant with disability or access need faces avoidable hazard	Medium	Discuss needs, reasonable adjustments, emergency access/egress and suitable equipment; do not make assumptions; adapt activity without unnecessarily excluding participant.	Coach / Participant/Parent	Low
Language, communication or neurodiversity needs not understood	Medium	Use clear demonstrations/instructions; confirm understanding; offer predictable session structure and reasonable adjustments; identify a safe way to request help/timeout.	Coach	Low
Inappropriate warm-up or no progressive preparation	Medium	Structured hockey-specific warm-up matched to age/intensity; gradual increase in speed/contact; cool-down/recovery guidance as appropriate.	Coach	Low
Player continues while injured, dizzy, distressed or unwell	High	Create culture where players can stop without penalty; coach/umpire removes participant where safety is in doubt; assess first aid/medical escalation.	Coach / Umpire / First Aider	Low
Poor behaviour / dangerous play / bullying	High	Set expectations; enforce Code of Conduct; intervene early; separate/remove participant if necessary; report safeguarding/disciplinary concerns.	Coach / Captain / DSL	Low
SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE				
Safeguarding concern, disclosure or allegation	High	Do not investigate. Listen, record and report promptly under SUBHC safeguarding procedure to the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy; call 999 where immediate danger exists.	DSL / Deputy DSL / Emergency Services	Low
Adult working with children without appropriate role checks/training	High	Recruit and deploy in line with England Hockey safeguarding requirements; DBS/safeguarding training where role requires; volunteers work within defined role and supervision.	Junior Lead / DSL / Club Committee	Low
One-to-one situation with junior in isolated area	High	Use open/observable environments; avoid unnecessary isolated one-to-one contact; follow safeguarding policy for coaching, transport and communication.	Coach / DSL	Low
Changing room / toilet safeguarding risk	High	Apply age-appropriate changing arrangements; respect privacy;	Junior Lead / DSL / Team	Low

		avoid inappropriate adult-child mixing; supervise access without intrusive observation; respond to concerns promptly.	Manager	
Photography / video / social media creates welfare or privacy concern	Medium	Follow club social-media/safeguarding policy; obtain appropriate permissions; no images in changing areas; do not publish sensitive personal information/location details.	Coach / Comms Lead / DSL	Low
Parent/guardian unaware of session finish/cancellation	Medium	Use agreed club communication channels; prompt notification of changes; maintain emergency contact details; clear handover/collection for juniors.	Junior Lead / Team Manager	Low
Participant welfare concern caused by hazing, initiation or alcohol pressure	High	No coercive initiation or unsafe drinking culture; apply Code of Conduct and safeguarding/disciplinary procedures; provide alcohol-free participation choices at club events.	Club Committee / Captains / DSL	Low
SESSION CONTROL AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT				
No attendance register / emergency contacts	High	Record attendance for organised sessions; leaders can access emergency contacts and relevant medical information, especially for juniors.	Coach / Team Manager / Junior Lead	Low
Lone coach/volunteer opening or closing venue	Medium	Avoid unnecessary lone working; maintain phone access; follow venue access procedure; do not remain alone with a junior.	Coach / Venue Staff	Low
Multiple groups share pitch without clear zoning	High	Agree pitch allocation; use visible cones/boundaries; direct drills away from adjacent groups; coordinate ball collection and transitions.	Lead Coaches	Low
Stray balls entering another drill / spectator area	High	Orient drills to minimise cross-traffic; use barriers/nets where available; stop adjacent activity before retrieving balls from live areas.	Coaches	Medium
Too many balls in live drill area	Medium	Control ball supply and collection; only balls required for drill are live; players do not enter firing zones to collect balls until instructed.	Coach	Low
Coach/volunteer lacks competence for activity	Medium	Only lead activity within competence; use appropriately qualified/experienced support; seek club/England Hockey guidance where unsure.	Coach / Club Coaching Lead	Low
Emergency or safeguarding information not known to visiting coaches/teams	Medium	Provide venue/emergency briefing to relevant visiting leaders and officials; ensure contact route to venue staff and club lead.	Host Captain/Manager	Low

Risk Assessment for School and Community Hockey Sessions

Venue: Schools, community venues, playgrounds, sports halls and hired pitches used for SUBHC outreach delivery	Completed (name): Richard Kirtley	Position: Vice-Chairman
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Hazard / Risk	Initial Risk	Control Measures / Required Action	Escalation / Responsible Person	Residual Risk
SCHOOL / COMMUNITY DELIVERY - GOVERNANCE AND SUPERVISION				
Roles between SUBHC coach and school/community host unclear	High	Before delivery agree who holds responsibility for pupil supervision, attendance, medical information, behaviour, first aid, emergency procedures and safeguarding reporting. A school/host representative should remain available.	SUBHC Lead Coach / School PE Lead or Host	Low
No venue-specific risk assessment or local briefing	High	Obtain/consider host venue arrangements and complete a dynamic check before each session. This assessment supplements rather than replaces the host organisation's own controls.	Lead Coach / Site Manager	Low
Pupils arrive/leave without controlled handover	High	School/host controls register and handover; SUBHC coach does not dismiss children independently unless explicitly agreed within the school/host procedure.	School Staff / Lead Coach	Low
Insufficient adult supervision for group size/age	High	Agree staffing before session; school staff remain responsible for overall pupil management unless formally agreed otherwise; modify or stop activity if supervision is inadequate.	School PE Lead / Lead Coach	Low
Coach/volunteer safeguarding suitability not confirmed	High	Deploy staff/volunteers in line with club and England Hockey safeguarding requirements, including DBS/training where the role requires.	SUBHC Junior Lead / DSL	Low
SCHOOL / COMMUNITY VENUE AND EQUIPMENT				
Uneven, wet, icy, debris-covered or unsuitable outdoor surface	High	Visual check before session; define safe area; remove debris; adapt/cancel activity if surface unsafe; report defects to site.	Lead Coach / Site Manager	Low
Indoor floor slippery or run-off limited	High	Check floor and walls/doors; use safe boundaries; lower speed/intensity; use suitable ball/equipment; stop if floor cannot be made safe.	Lead Coach / Site Manager	Low
Shared playground/hall with other users entering activity area	High	Cone/mark clear activity zone; liaise with staff; pause whenever area is compromised.	Lead Coach / School Staff	Low
Fixed playground obstacles, walls, benches, goals or fencing	High	Set activity zone with adequate clearance; change drill direction; prevent high-speed play near hard obstacles.	Lead Coach	Low
Equipment unsuitable for age/ability	High	Use appropriately sized sticks and modified/softer balls where needed; progress from basic control before striking/power activities.	Lead Coach	Low
Insufficient protective equipment / footwear	Medium	Host informed of equipment expectations; adapt activity to what is safely available; no drill requiring	Lead Coach / School PE Lead	Low

		protection a participant does not have.		
Damaged sticks/balls/cones	Medium	Check equipment before use; remove damaged items immediately; store bags/equipment outside activity/run-off areas.	Lead Coach	Low
PUPIL SAFETY, MEDICAL AND SAFEGUARDING				
Coach lacks access to relevant medical/allergy information	High	School/host retains medical information and ensures relevant needs are communicated appropriately before activity; rescue medication remains accessible under host procedure.	School Staff / Lead Coach	Low
Injury / medical emergency	High	Stop activity; school/host first-aid procedure applies unless explicitly agreed otherwise; call emergency services where indicated; parent/guardian notification led by school/host; SUBHC records/reports incident as required.	School First Aider / Lead Coach	Medium
Suspected concussion/head injury	High	Remove immediately and do not return to activity. Apply "if in doubt, sit them out" principles; school/host contacts parent/guardian and arranges appropriate medical assessment.	School First Aider / Lead Coach	Medium
Pupil struck by stick/ball during group drill	High	Use clear safe zones, sufficient spacing and controlled progression; only instructed players active; no collecting balls from live striking areas.	Lead Coach	Medium
Pupil leaves group / goes missing	High	Stop/secure activity and alert school/host staff immediately; follow host missing-child procedure; SUBHC coach supports but does not independently search in a way that leaves other pupils unsupervised.	School Staff / Lead Coach / DSL	Low
Safeguarding disclosure or concern	High	Listen, do not investigate, record and report through both host safeguarding route and SUBHC DSL as appropriate; immediate danger = 999.	Lead Coach / School DSL / SUBHC DSL	Low
Bullying, discriminatory language or unsafe behaviour	Medium	Intervene promptly; use school behaviour procedure; remove participant from drill if safety requires; report safeguarding/behaviour concerns to school staff.	School Staff / Lead Coach	Low
Photography / recording without permission	Medium	Follow school/host and SUBHC consent rules; no personal-device photography unless expressly authorised; no images in changing/toilet areas.	Lead Coach / School Staff	Low
Toilet/changing access creates one-to-one safeguarding situation	High	School/host procedures apply; avoid isolated one-to-one supervision; refer pupil to school staff for assistance wherever possible.	School Staff / Lead Coach	Low
WEATHER, SESSION DESIGN AND EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS				
Heat, cold, heavy rain, lightning or other extreme weather	High	Check forecast/conditions and school decision; adapt duration/intensity; hydration/clothing breaks; move indoors or cancel where safe delivery is not possible.	Lead Coach / School PE Lead	Low
No warm-up / excessive intensity for novice pupils	Medium	Use age-appropriate warm-up, short activity blocks and progressive skill development; regular breaks; no punitive physical exercise.	Lead Coach	Low
Fire alarm / evacuation	High	Follow school/host evacuation procedure; school staff lead pupil accountability; SUBHC coach assists and reports to designated assembly point.	School Staff / Lead Coach	Low
Emergency communications	Medium	Coach carries charged phone where	Lead Coach / School Staff	Low

unavailable		permitted/necessary; knows reception/site contact and exact venue location; school staff remain contact point for parents.		
Session continues despite unresolved serious hazard	High	Lead coach has authority to stop or refuse delivery. Resume only when risk is removed or adequately controlled.	Lead Coach / Site Manager	Low

Operational note: This is a club-level baseline assessment. A dynamic check is required before every hockey activity. Serious hazards that cannot be adequately controlled mean the activity must not proceed. Significant incidents, near misses, safeguarding concerns and changes in venue/activity must trigger review of this assessment and relevant club procedures.

Risk rating guide:

HIGH = activity must not proceed until effective controls reduce the risk;

MEDIUM = activity may proceed only with the stated controls and active supervision;

LOW = routine controls are considered sufficient but must still be checked dynamically.

Reference framework reviewed for this assessment: England Hockey Safe Hockey - Risk Assessments; Planning Safe Hockey; First Aid; Concussion; Injury Reporting / Safe Hockey FAQs; England Hockey safeguarding guidance. Venue-specific rules and emergency procedures also apply.