

## COVID 19

### Members Guidance for pitch use during phased return to activity

The information below outlines the steps we are taking to keep our members, administrators and coaches safe while following the latest Government, England Hockey and Sport England guidance on public spaces, outdoor activity and exercise. These guidelines have been developed following the Guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England.

Additionally, we have undertaken a full Covid-19 risk assessment that will run in line with our other policies.

This Guidance is based on current Government Guidelines and will be updated as Government guidelines change. Activities at the Centre and on the Pitch are undertaken at the individual's own risk and that supervision is limited and cannot be guaranteed at all times. Any junior needs the express permission of their parent/guardian to attend and if 14 years old or under needs to be accompanied by a responsible adult. The water pitch is being provided unwatered and that members should dress / play according to the surface conditions and should help protect the centre / club in the future.

Please read the following guidelines carefully, and when you visit the Club, co-operate with us to ensure the rules of social distancing are adhered to at all times.

#### Who can use SHC pitches during this period?

- Only available to Club members.
- Max of 4 playing members who are in a single household in any one booking.
- Max of 4 playing members who are in different households in any one booking providing the 2 metre social distancing rule is adhered to.
- Junior members (14 and under) must be supervised at all times; only one non-playing guardian / parent is permitted if spectating.
- U15s - U18s can attend on their own but only with their parents permission, who have to book the pitch through the online system.
- Everyone must read and adhere to these guidelines.

#### Club access and general guidelines

- A one way system will operate. The entrance is via Warwick Gate in the top car park near the club house. Way out is via the gate at the bottom between the pitches (See map)
- Please follow the Government guidelines on travel when making journeys to and from the club.

- Avoid congregating at the club entrance, pitch side or in front of the Club House and in between the pitches. Maintain your 2 metre distance at all times.
- The club house, balcony and garden areas are all closed. You may wish to bring your own fold-up chair (in the case of a parent/guardian supervising a child).
- Only travel to the club if you have a confirmed session booked and arrive at the time of your booking, not before.

### **Health, Safety and Hygiene**

- A Duty Administrator will be on site to oversee the sessions , will lock and unlock any goals before your session and will advise on any safety aspects at the time. They will be wearing a yellow vest.
- Follow guidelines on hand hygiene carefully. Bring your own hand sanitiser with you. However hand sanitising gel will be available with the Duty Administrator.
- Entry to the Club House will be prohibited; there will be no toilet or changing facilities available.
- Bring your own water bottle/s. Refilling at the bottle refill station will be allowed but should be avoided if possible. The drinking fountain is closed off.
- Do not share food and drink with others.
- Please do not come to the Club if you have a raised temperature, are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, are self-isolating or living with individuals that are self-isolating.
- If you exhibit any signs or symptoms in the days following your session, please ensure you inform us in case we need to do any contact tracing.
- If you have any questions or issues during your session, please see the Duty Administrator
- Do not move the goals unless the Duty Administrator requests
- Goals will only be placed where there is a high fence behind them
- The goal on the water pitch adjacent to the car park, will be allocated to members unlikely to strike or deflect the ball over the fence into the car park
- The water pitch will not be watered, so you will need dress / play according to the surface conditions
- Shin guards and gumshields are recommended as per usual hockey sessions

### **Equipment**

- Equipment must not be shared between players; nor will equipment be lent by the Club.
- Please bring your own marked balls - max of 4 per quarter. We recommend that you clean and wipe down your equipment including ball, sticks, shin pads etc before and after play.
- If you are playing with a member outside your household; avoid picking up each other's balls. Only touch balls with your sticks.
- Please bring the minimum amount of equipment/kit with you and arrive ready to play.
- Any clothing or equipment left on the premises will be removed safely and put into the rubbish bins.

### **During play**

- Each pitch will be divided into quarters using the pitch markings. Players should not cross into adjacent pitch zones. If a ball crosses into another pitch, ensure that you only use your stick to send it back.
- The area outside the pitch playing area should be used as a walkway
- A two metre distance should be maintained at all times between individuals of different household.

- Please make sure you train and practice in a safe manner eg work across the pitch so that balls are less likely to go into an adjacent quarter
- Gates to the pitches must remain open at all times. Please avoid touching gates and adjacent pitch side fences.
- Use of the dugouts is prohibited. Benches have been removed.
- Adjacent pitch areas cannot be combined.
- A hooter will sound at the end of the session. Please pack up and leave straight away being careful to maintain social distancing. This will allow a buffer period between bookings and enable players to conform to social distancing guidance.

If this guidance is not adhered to, the Duty Administrator has the authority to ask you to leave the premises for the safety of others and themselves.

### **Booking and payments**

- Pitch slots are 60 minutes and Cost £20 with a goal and £15 without
- Bookings must be made at least the day before using the online ACTIVE booking system usually used for junior hockey camps.
- Cash will not be accepted.

### **Future steps**

We are very pleased to be able to get some activity happening back at the club, but our priority is the safety of our members, administrators and coaches. Please work with us to ensure that the guidelines are being followed so that we can all be safe. We will be reviewing the club usage daily and will make necessary changes if we feel the guidance isn't being followed.

Additionally, we will continue to follow Government guidance and will be prepared to curtail or expand our activities at short notice should there be any changes to the Covid-19 situation.

Southgate Hockey Club 1 June 2020