



COVID Guidance for COACHES

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Before Sessions

Coaches must sign an England Hockey Participation Agreement before delivering their first activity, where they agree to the terms and conditions and Code of Ethics and Behaviours. They can sign up [here](#).

Coaches must understand all the expectations placed upon players and play a role ensuring that protocols are followed.

Coaches should be familiar with the risk assessment carried out by the CO and ensure their sessions are compliant.



During Sessions

The maximum group size (including coaches) is 30 for competitive training or match play. More than one group can use a pitch but must remain separate from the other groups.

It is recommended that parents / carers should be present for sessions involving under 18s at this time. Spectators should maintain a social distance as set out in Guidance for Spectators

A register of each session should be completed. Participants must not take part if they have not booked onto a session and/or have not completed the Participation agreement – these lists will be passed in advance to coaches by the CO.

Social distancing, to a minimum of 2m, must be maintained outside of training or matches, including queuing for drills and drinks breaks.

If possible, players and coaches should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other during, before and after sessions. This will be included within England Hockey's Code of Ethics & Behaviour.

When communicating with players, avoid regular removal of gum shields.

Equipment

It is recommended that players bring their own personal equipment (sticks and personal protective equipment).

Coaches should collect balls, or players return them with their stick/feet, not hands.

No contact between players and other coaching equipment including cones and goals.



Participant Behaviour

GAHC will be following England Hockey's Code of Ethics and Behaviours.

Participants who do not comply with measures put in place to protect against COVID, should be asked to leave the session immediately. This should be brought to the attention of the CO at the earliest opportunity so that appropriate disciplinary actions can be implemented.

Coaches should regularly remind participants (and parents/guardians where appropriate) of the expectations and standards required.



After Sessions

Coaches should collect balls, or players return them with their stick/feet, not hands.

Participants should leave the pitch as quickly as possible, maintaining a social distance.

Equipment should either be cleaned immediately or left untouched for 72hrs after use.

The session register should be sent to the CO as soon as possible.

If you show symptoms of Covid-19 you should phone NHS Track and Trace and let your club's CO know immediately.