



Risk Assessment and Control Measures

Organisation	Aldershot & Farnham Hockey Club	RA Ref. No.	AFHC CP35v6
Location(s) where this assessment applies	Heath End Astro Turf Pitch	If linked to Generic Assessment(s) give title(s) & number(s)	N/A
Describe specific Place or Activity assessed	The home pitch for training and games of AFHC NB- this is owned/maintained by Heath End School whom the AFHC Hockey Manager acts as the liaison with.		
Hazards and corresponding Risks Put H (High), M (Medium), L (Low) or X (Not Applicable) in boxes below.	List under the heading EXISTING all the measures currently in place to control risks identified in the boxes.		
		EXISTING CONTROLS	
Security of pitch	L	Security of Pitch	
Electricity (contact with)	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The pitch is locked at the main entrance to the car park and the entrances to the pitch itself. The keys are held with the caretaker for Heath End School who manage the pitch and approved members of AFHC. ▪ The pitch is surrounded by 10ft metal fencing to reduce the risk of illegal entry to the pitch. 	
Equipment (contact with)	L	Electricity (contact with)	
Falling or flying objects	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The floodlight controls for the pitch are set by the caretaker and are in a locked cabinet at the pitch. Only authorized persons have access to these controls. 	
Falls from a height	X	Equipment (contact with)	
Fire / hot materials	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only training aids will be used on the pitch in addition to hockey equipment i.e. sticks; cones; balls. These items are owned by individuals or borrowed from AFHC as required. All items are cleared from the pitch outside of match and training times. 	
Handling and lifting (poor)	L	Falling or flying objects	
Noise (excessive)	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During occupation of the pitch there is the risk of balls being lifted towards other players; officials or spectators. This is during use of the pitch only. ▪ The pitch has no overhead coverings and the floodlights and fencing surrounding the pitch are checked visually upon attendance to site and periodically as part of the caretaker's checks. 	
Sharp material / objects	L	Fire/hot materials	
Slips / trips on same level	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The pitch is a non-smoking area and signage is in place to highlight this protocol. All smoking is to be outside of the pitch area. 	
Substances (harmful)	X	Handling and lifting	
Vehicles (moving)	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some of the Match goals have fixed rollers for ease of movement. When moving these into place at the start of each game/training session they are lifted by a team of a minimum 2 adults. Other match goals do not have rollers, the goals need to be turned at the start of each game/training session for use by AFHC, these need to be are lifted by a team of a minimum 2 adults taking a side each. 	
Violence (acts of)	L	Sharp Materials/Objects	
Weather (adverse)	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is the responsibility of each use user of the pitch to ensure they clear up after their allocated time and thus remove any rubbish and other items which may cause harm. ▪ Coaches and umpires inspect the pitch for dangerous items prior to training/matches commencing 	
Welfare Facilities	L	Slips/Trips	
Lighting	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The pitch is routinely replenished inspected to ensure the pitch remains in good condition. ▪ The site does not consist of any steps and is all formed on sloped pathways for ease of access/egress to the site 	
First Aid	L	Vehicles	
Supervision	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The car park for Heath End Astro Turf is immediately adjacent to the pitch and users have to walk through this area to gain entry to the pitch. The car park is clearly lit at night and designated walkways are available. 	



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		<p>Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As with all public accessible venues there is the risk of violence from time to time. This risk is managed internally by creation and publication of AFHC codes of practice which all members are to abide by. Any violent persons- physically or otherwise will be asked to leave the pitch immediately. <p>Weather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heath End Astro Turf is designed as an 'all weather pitch'. However, during periods of extreme weather e.g. snow or the pitch is frozen, the pitch will not be used. If extreme weather caused the site to be closed on safety grounds the caretaker and school liaison team will make this decision and communicate accordingly. If the pitch is open it is down to the discretion of the coach as to whether they consider the pitch to be safe to use. Where there is a risk to our members or attendees to the pitch, training/games will be cancelled and rescheduled when conditions become safe again. <p>Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet facilities are available at the pitch, which are unlocked during games & training times. <p>Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floodlights to the approved hockey standard are in operation at Heath End Pitch and maintained by the caretaker- records of which are checked by the AFHC schools liaison team. <p>First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each team has at least one first aid appointed person and coaches are also First Aid trained who will be on site for training/matches. Records of appointed first aiders are held with the AFHC Secretary. Each team has a minimum of one first aid kit which is fully stocked and must be taken to each game/training session. <p>Supervision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All training is under the supervision of a qualified coach who is covered under the AFHC liability insurance. Any Under 18 year old members must have parental consent to attend adult training sessions/games. 	
GROUPS AT RISK			
AFHC Club Members		Y	
Members of the public (spectators)		Y	
Young persons		Y	
People with disabilities		Y	<p>Groups at Risk</p> <p>All AFHC members will have had made available to them the club policies and code of conduct (these are also available on the club website www.afhockey.com)</p> <p>Disabled parking is available on site</p> <p>A separate spectator area is in place at the pitch to keep visitors away from the immediate playing area</p> <p>A photographic policy is in place for AFHC which bans all photography without prior consent from team captains (and parent/guardian for under 18). Signage regarding this is also in place at the pitch</p> <p>Young players (under 18) will be under the supervision of designated coach/team captain until collected by parent/guardian</p>
Title and number of any corresponding Policies	AFHC Code of Practice Photograph Policy	Number of sheets attached	0
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