



Risk Assessment and Control Measures

Organisation	Aldershot & Farnham Hockey Club	RA Ref. No.	AFHC CP37v3
Location(s) where this assessment applies	Army Garrison Astroturf Pitches	If linked to Generic Assessment(s) give title(s) & number(s)	N/A
Describe specific Place or Activity assessed	The primary location of Junior training and the 2 nd choice home pitch location for games NB- this is owned/maintained by British Army and managed by Aspire		
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 Pitches	
Security of pitch	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pitches are locked at the main entrance to the car park and the entrances to the pitches themselves. The keys are held with the caretaker who manages the pitch. The pitches are surrounded by 10ft metal fencing to reduce the risk of illegal entry to the pitch and are within the Army Garrison compound. 	
Electricity (contact with)	L	Electricity (contact with) <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. 	
Equipment (contact with)	L	Equipment (contact with) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only training aids will be used on the pitches 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 pitches outside of match and training times. 	
Falling or flying objects	L	Falling or flying objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During occupation of the pitches there is the risk of balls being lifted towards other players; officials or spectators. This is during use of the pitches only. 	
Falls from a height	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pitches have no overhead coverings and the floodlights and fencing surrounding the pitches are checked visually upon attendance to site and periodically as part of the caretaker's checks. 	
Fire / hot materials	L	Fire/hot materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pitches are a non-smoking area and signage is in place to highlight this protocol. All smoking is to be outside of the pitch areas. 	
Handling and lifting (poor)	L	Handling and lifting <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 lifted by a team of a minimum 2 adults taking a side each. 	
Noise (excessive)	X	Sharp Materials/Objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the responsibility of each use of the pitches 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 pitches for dangerous items prior to training/matches commencing 	
Sharp material / objects	L	Slips/Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pitches are routinely replenished with sand by the caretaker for the site. This is to ensure the pitches remain in good condition and enable grip during use. The pitch has a small step onto the playing area which is surrounded by low level railings/fencing for support The site itself is all formed on sloped pathways for ease of access/egress to the site 	
Slips / trips on same level	L	Vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The car park for the Army Garrison Pitches 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. Overflow parking is available on the other side of the road to the pitches – this is a low traffic road with traffic calming measures in place to keep speeds to a minimum. 	
Substances (harmful)	X		
Vehicles (moving)	L		
Violence (acts of)	L		
Weather (adverse)	L		
Welfare Facilities	L		
Lighting	L		
First Aid	L		
Supervision	L		



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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"> Army Garrison pitches are designed as 'all weather pitches'. However, during periods of extreme weather e.g. snow or the pitches are frozen, the pitches 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 pitches are open it is down to the discretion of the coach as to whether they consider the pitches to be safe to use. Where there is a risk to our members or attendees to the pitches, training/games will be cancelled and rescheduled when conditions become safe again. <p>Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shower & Toilet facilities are available in the pavilion <p>Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floodlights to the approved hockey standard are in operation at the Army Garrison and are maintained by the caretaker- records of which are checked by the AFHC fixtures secretaries upon booking. <p>First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one first aid appointed person per team will be on site for training/matched. 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 will be under the supervision of a qualified coach who is covered under the AFHC liability insurance. Any Under 18 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	
Groups at Risk	<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 pitches 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)</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	Nil
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AFHC Committee Member Name & Role (assessment accepted)	Nigel Oates – Chairman 27.09.17	Date(s) reviewed / updated and initials	V3: 29 Sept 2017