

Kettering Hockey Club Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting Monday 29th March 2021, 8.00pm via online platform Zoom

Urgent meeting requested by MB regarding Return to Play

Present: Jaime Cox (JC), Jean Smith (JS), Barry Coe (BC), Kirsty Smith (KS), Neil Manley (NM), Nathan Thomas (NT), Matthew Bennett (MB), Claudia Ringrose (CR).

1. Apologies – Mark Hawkins (MH)

2. Prior to the meeting (25/03/21) MB had circulated the following documents:

1. England Hockey: Getting Back on The Pitch Step 4 & 5 Guidance (Final Version)
2. England Hockey: Covid Inforgraphic Stage 4
3. KHC Covid Return to Play Checklist
4. KHC Return to Play Review

MB confirmed that whilst not a great deal had changed from the previous Return to Play, it was important to review the current status as follows:

- Training can start once organisers can ensure all guidance is in place
- England Hockey recommends a maximum of 30 people in any one group, but more than one group can use a pitch as long as social distancing can be maintained outside of training and between the groups
- Matches (both 11-a-side and small sided) can resume once organisers can ensure all guidance is in place. Multiple matches can take place at the same venue as long as social distancing can be maintained between groups outside of matches

It means local inter club matches can take place BUT current government travel advice does not allow for car sharing. EH believes that most winter leagues & competitions are likely to now be curtailed for the 2020-21 season.

This is how the guidance looks:

	Govt. Step 1b (from 29 March)	Govt. Step 2 (no earlier than 12 April)	Govt. Step 3 (no earlier than 17 May)	Govt. Step 4 (no earlier than 21 June)
Indoor hockey	Flyerz permitted	Junior (U18) permitted	Adult permitted	
Changing rooms	Should not be used with the exception of use by disabled participants, for safeguarding purposes or for serious injury requiring emergency treatment	Changing room use to be reviewed		
Spectators	Are not permitted with the exception of safeguarding purposes (one parent, guardian or carer per child (under 18) or disabled participant)	Spectator permissions to be reviewed		
Hospitality	May provide takeaway services only	Permitted outdoors	Permitted indoors	
Travel	Travel for sport is permitted. Awaiting government travel advice on car sharing			
Clubhouse	Should remain closed to the public, but toilets permitted to be open from 30 minutes before activity, until 30 minutes after activity		Clubhouse use to be reviewed	

3. Kettering Hockey Club – Getting back on the pitch

Administration

Hockey deliverers are being asked to:

- Appoint a Covid Officer
- Collate information to allow for Test and Trace in line with GDPR principles
- Conduct Risks Assessments
- Implement Best Practice
- Educate participants about the requirements of limiting the spread of Covid-19 and the standard of behaviours expected within the sport

MB confirmed that all the above is currently being reviewed but was previously in place and just needs refreshing.

Guidance

MB confirmed that most of guidance is as previous but there are some items to note:

- Spectators are not permitted with the exception of safeguarding purposes (one parent, guardian or carer per child (under 18) or disabled participant)
- Travel is as per government guidelines, current no car sharing
- England Hockey recommends no more than 2 groups of 30 on a pitch at any one time during training
- Warm-ups, matches and cool-downs no more than 30 on the pitch including officials
- If there is an injury, unless life or limb threatening those not first-aid trained (with appropriate PPE) or part of IPs household/bubble should maintain social distancing. **We may need to get some masks, disinfectant, aprons and gloves for First Aid Kits**

4. Exec Q & A

Q. Do participants need to sign any new paperwork?

A. No. The original EH paperwork with participants disclaimer that members signed are still valid.

Q. What do new participants need to do?

A. Sign up 24hrs prior to attending.

Q. Do we need to keep a record of anyone having had Covid vaccine?

A. No.

Q. Can we still have fitness sessions at the Main Club?

A. EH guidelines do not cover fitness training outside of a hockey pitch. Our fitness sessions would be considered informal or self-organised (*see Understanding Organised Sport*) as it is not carried out by a qualified instructor under his own governing body for fitness. The Main Club could organise something if they carried out a risk assessment, host and run this as an activity with a qualified instructor under his/her governing body then it would be considered as an 'organised sport'.

This can be reviewed on 17th May when Government regulations will be reviewed.

(Action: CR to email member who has queried why we have not reintroduced fitness training).

5. Return to Play

Juniors

- Training commencing 13th April 2021. To run for 7 weeks? To be reviewed.
- Fixtures organised at Bishop with Saints
- Costs – NT and KS liasing

Seniors

- Training commencing 14th April 2021 for men, 15th April 2021 for ladies
- Men's Exiles, 4x Ladies' 7-a-side set up. Captains in place
- Skymoos mixed – still awaiting details. Gary Thorpe and Pam Farr to captain

Further action points:

- **Risk Assessment – MB to review.** Previous one was carried out by Sophie Reynolds and Kirsty Smith
- **Audit of equipment - Barry & Shez Coe** will be sorting through all equipment in the container and carrying out a full audit
- **First Aid** – MB requested that all first aid is accessible within a bubble, unless life threatening in which case First Aiders on hand will attend. **Kirsty Smith** to ensure that the Covid Box is stocked up with the required PPE,
- **Reporting injuries** – BC confirmed that from September this will be mandatory to complete online to EH. Procedures are already in place.
- **Communication of Guidance - MB to liaise with captains and coaches** to remind of procedures and social distancing

Meeting closed at 21.00