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AH Club website
AH Club juniors Facebook group

<http://www.aylesburyhc.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/772535526141684/>

Aylesbury Hockey Club

Scope

The purpose of this policy is to detail the additional safety equipment guidance & requirements that Aylesbury Hockey Club (AHC) have upon all participants & members.

AHC adheres to England Hockey (EH) & FIH rules and guidelines, the additional requirements detailed within this document are AHC club requirements and apply to all members & players of AHC or those representing AHC (inc guest players & shared team players)

These additional requirements and guidelines apply at all times on a hockey pitch – training, friendlies, all matches (inc league & cup), tournaments, summer leagues etc

This document & policy takes effect from 1st January 2019 onwards.

Objective

The aim is to:

- a) Clarify the club's requirements on its participants
- b) Clarify the provision of any equipment

References

EH Sections

All apply, but attention is directed to Appendix 3 section 3.2.4

FIH Sections

All apply, but attention is directed to Section 4

Overall

At all times it's the player's (or parent / guardian) accountability and responsibility to ensure they are suitably equipped with appropriate safety equipment and happy to play – if for any reason they are not they should not participate in the activity.

Juniors

A junior is anybody below age 18 at that time, regardless of the activity.

Recommendations

- Wearing of a hockey glove is optional but recommended.
- Wearing of a hockey specific astro trainers is recommended.

Requirements

- It is a requirement that all juniors shall wear & use correctly appropriate shinguards & mouthguards at all times
- It is a requirement that juniors participating in U14, U16, U18 or Senior hockey shall wear an appropriate facemask if participating in defence of a penalty corner.

Provision

- Shinpads and mouthguards are the responsibility of the player to provide – the club will not provide these.
- Ideally a defensive player in U14 or above should provide their own facemask, however the club maintains a limited stock of shared one-size AHC facemasks available upon prior request

Seniors

A senior is anybody age 18 or over at that time, regardless of the activity.

Recommendations

- Wearing of a hockey specific astro trainers is recommended.
- It is a recommendation that seniors should wear, and correctly use, appropriate shinguards & mouthguards at all times.
- It is a recommendation that seniors should wear, and correctly use, an appropriate facemask if participating in defence of a penalty corner.

Requirements

- No additional mandated requirements

Provision

- Shinpads and mouthguards are the responsibility of the player to provide – the club will not provide these.
- The club maintains a stock of shared one-size AHC facemasks, players should contact their captains for availability.

Safety

- Safety of all players is of the upmost priority
- No player's own participation, decision or action should place them in a position of danger
- No player's conduct should place any other player in a position of danger
- If a participant is in any doubt or concern, then they should not participate

Charters

Players are reminded of the player's charter for hockey:

AHC <http://www.aylesburyhc.com/documents/193223>

EHC http://www.englishockey.co.uk/core/core_picker/download.asp?id=13200

Parents of juniors are reminded of the parent's charter for hockey:

AHC <http://www.aylesburyhc.com/documents/193225>

EHC http://www.englishockey.co.uk/core/core_picker/download.asp?id=13203

Any breach of these by player, or by parent, will at the very least have a detrimental effect on the player's participation in AHC hockey.

Redress / Issues

- Any issues regarding safety equipment should be initially raised in advance with the relevant team coach & captain prior to the activity.
- Any player who believes that they have not been given either fair treatment or consideration should immediately raise their concerns with the Head Coach & Junior Chairman.
 - *N.B. This does not replace the club's Safe Guarding policies and process and any desired contact with the club's Welfare Officer*
- However, any discussions will only centre on the player in question, as it would be unethical to discuss any other player.

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