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## Return to Play and Competition Protocol



## **Risk Assessment**

Advice and guidance from Government and Hockey Ireland has required all clubs to conduct a risk assessment for COVID-19. Risk assessment should be reviewed regularly in light of any changes to governmental advice around COVID-19.

The risk assessment must be carried out by a competent person in order to identify the hazards and quantify the risks of these hazards exposing people to the virus.

Hazards and risks cannot be eliminated and therefore must be controlled.

The control measures must be either physical or procedural and must be communicated to those who will work with, or otherwise come into contact with the hazards.

In undertaking risk assessments, the following approach should be adopted:

- Gather information and advice from the sporting governing body, Hockey Ireland
- Gather information from Government and other recognised sources
- Consider control measures appropriate to the current Government advice
- Evaluate residual risk to person(s)

The primary risk is the risk associated with the identified hazard assuming that the risk associated, remains completely uncontrolled.

The residual risk is the level of the remaining risk produced when proposed control measures have been applied.

The figures given may be interpreted using the risk assessment matrix below.

All club management committees shall ensure that the risk control measures are fully implemented to achieve these levels.

The columns following the residual risk data indicate where additional controls may be required or where special attention should be given.

For the avoidance of confusion - the columns of the risk rating sections are headed Likelihood, Severity.

L is for “likelihood” and is given in the first column.

S is for “severity” and is indicated in the second column.

R is for “Risk Rating” and is indicated in the third column.

### **Likelihood x Severity = Risk**

The control measures, indicated within the assessment, are reasonably practicable to control the risks identified based on the protocol.

The findings of the risk assessment shall be communicated to those who may be exposed, or otherwise come into contact with the hazards and risks identified.

Club Managements must ensure that the control measures are implemented and managed.

An ongoing review of the assessment will take place and amended if the guidance from the governing body or Government departments is updated and suggests that the last control measures suggested are no longer sufficient to control risks, or are inappropriate, or if additional hazards are identified.

A process of continuous assessment and re-assessment will be undertaken to ensure appropriate risk controls in accordance with all Government and Hockey Ireland protocols.

## Matrix

<b>Date of Assessment:</b>		<b>Assessed By:</b>	
<b>Training Venue:</b>		<b>Signature:</b>	

Likelihood									
1.	Extremely Unlikely.	2.	Possible but Unlikely.	3.	Conceivable.	4.	Probably will happen at some time.	5.	Almost certain to happen.

Severity									
1.	No or minimum illness.	2.	Medical Treatment.	3.	Medical treatment or isolation.	4.	Critical infection or hospitalisation.	5.	Fatality.

Score	Risk	Action
1 → 6	LOW	Action is not required to lower the risk. Time   Effort   Money is proportionate to the risk.
7 → 15	MEDIUM	Action may be required to control the risk. Immediate short-term measures may be required.
16 → 25	HIGH	Action is required urgently to control the risk. Further resources are almost inevitable.

## The following is an example of risk assessment...

Subject	Hazard	People at Risk	What Might Happen	Rating L x S = R			Control Measures & Further Precautions to Reduce Risk	New Rating L x S = R			Comments   Action
				L	S	R		L	S	R	
Implementation of COVID-19 control measures at the training venue.	Failure to share relevant information.  Failure to enforce the control measures in place.  Persons not familiar with protocols.	Players   Coaches.	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.  Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Clubs will review and implement the Safer Return to Training Protocols and ensure compliance.	3	5	15	COVID-19 Officer (CCO) appointed.

Hand Washing   Sanitising.	No running hot water or hand soap in sanitary facilities.  No hand sanitiser available.	Players   Coaches.	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.	5	5	<b>25</b>	Regular checks of sanitary facilities   hand sanitiser stock.	2	5	<b>10</b>	COVID-19 Officer (CCO) appointed.
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Below is the Template for use | this should serve only as a starting point as all clubs will have risks specific to their training venue.

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Protocol Document Discussed.	Failure to share relevant information.  Failure to enforce the control measures in place.  Persons not familiar with protocols.	Players/Coaches & Parents	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.  Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Club Committee Members informed of Hockey Ireland & HSE Guidelines and discussed how these will be implemented	3	5	15	COVID-19 Officer (CCO) appointed. these details should be shared with your branch  Further CCO's to be trained for each team
Covid-19 Officer (CCO)	Failure to make sure correct policies and procedures are followed	Players/Coaches & Parents	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.  Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	.....has completed the relevant training and is appointed the Clubs CCO	3	3	9	
Sanitary Cleaning Products	Failure to make sure that cleaning and sanitation equipment is available	Players/ Coaches	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.  Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	All team managers to be issued with disinfectant wipes, towels & Bin Bags to make sure all equipment is cleaned and sanitized before and after training (Including goalposts and gates)	2	5	10	Each club to supply their own equipment
Access Control	Failure to enforce the control measures in place.	Players/Coaches & Parents	Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Players & Coaches will enter and leave the field of play at different locations	2	5	10	Club and Coaches to make sure that signage is in place and players know the entry and exit point for the field of play
Sanitisation Station	Failure to ensure hand sanitisation is available	Players/Coaches	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.  Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Hand Sanitation Stations to be made available just after drop of points. ALL players and coaches must sanitise hands	2	5	10	Sanitisers must contain min 70% Alcohol
Signage	No signage	Players/Coaches & Parents	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.	5	5	25	Signage erected throughout the training venue.	2	5	10	COVID-19 signage erected throughout the training venue.
Training – Personal Equipment	Sharing of Personal Equipment	Players	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.  Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	No sharing of personal equipment this also includes player bibs	2	5	10	Bibs should not be used at training sessions
Training – Short Corners	Sharing of face masks	Players	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19.  Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	No sharing of face masks	2	5	10	

Handshakes, Spitting	Players coming into contact with a potentially infected person	Players	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19. Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	During this phase handshaking and spitting will not be allowed	2	5	10	
Clubhouse / facilities	Players and coaches coming into contact with the virus	All	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19. Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	During this phase clubhouses should be accessible only for toilets which should be monitored to ensure they have plenty of soap and running water	2	5	10	
Clubhouse / facilities	Players and coaches coming into contact with the virus	All	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19. Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Management should implement a strict cleaning regime for areas of the clubhouse that being used	3	5	15	
Clubhouse / /showers	Players and coaches coming into contact with the virus	All	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19. Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Dressing rooms and Showers should only be available under strict guidelines	2	5	10	Players should arrive at training ready to train and should shower at home after training
Symptoms	Players and coaches showing signs of symptoms of COVID 19	All	Increased rate of potential exposure to COVID-19. Increased rate of potential spread of COVID-19	5	5	25	Anyone with symptoms of COVID 19 will not be allowed to train	2		10	



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