



COVID 19 : Members Guidance for pitch use during phased return to activity

The information below outlines the steps we are taking to keep our members and coaches safe while following the latest [Government](#) and [Sport England guidance](#) on public spaces, outdoor activity and exercise. These guidelines have been developed following the [Guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England](#).

Additionally, we have undertaken a full Covid-19 risk assessment that will run in line with our other policies.

Please read the following guidelines carefully, and when you visit the Club, co-operate with us to ensure the rules of social distancing are adhered to at all times.

Who can use SHC pitches during this period?

- Only available to Club members.
- Max of 4 playing members who are in a single household in any one booking.
- It is permitted that an individual may play with one other player outside their household providing the 2 metre social distancing rule is adhered to.
- Junior members (16 and under) must be supervised at all times; only **one non-playing guardian / parent** is permitted if spectating.
- Over 16s must read and adhere to these guidelines.

Club access and general guidelines

- Please follow the Government guidelines on travel when making journeys to and from the club.
- Avoid congregating at the club entrance, pitch side or in the grass area in front of the Club House and maintain your 2 metre distance at all times.
- Use of the stands and any other outdoor seating is prohibited however, you may wish to bring your own fold-up chair (in the case of a parent/guardian supervising a child).

- Only travel to the club if you have a confirmed session booked and arrive at the time of your booking, not before.
- Dogs will not be allowed on site during this period.

Health, Safety and Hygiene

- Follow guidelines on hand hygiene carefully. Hand sanitising gel will be available in the BBQ area but we strongly encourage you to bring your own.
- Entry to the Club House will be prohibited; there will be no toilet or changing facilities available.
- Bring your own water bottle, we will not be able to refill water bottles and the water fountain will be out of use.
- Do not share food and drink with others.
- Please do not come to the Club if you have a raised temperature, are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, are self-isolating or living with individuals that are self-isolating.
- If you exhibit any signs or symptoms in the days following your session, please ensure you inform us in case we need to do any contact tracing.

Equipment

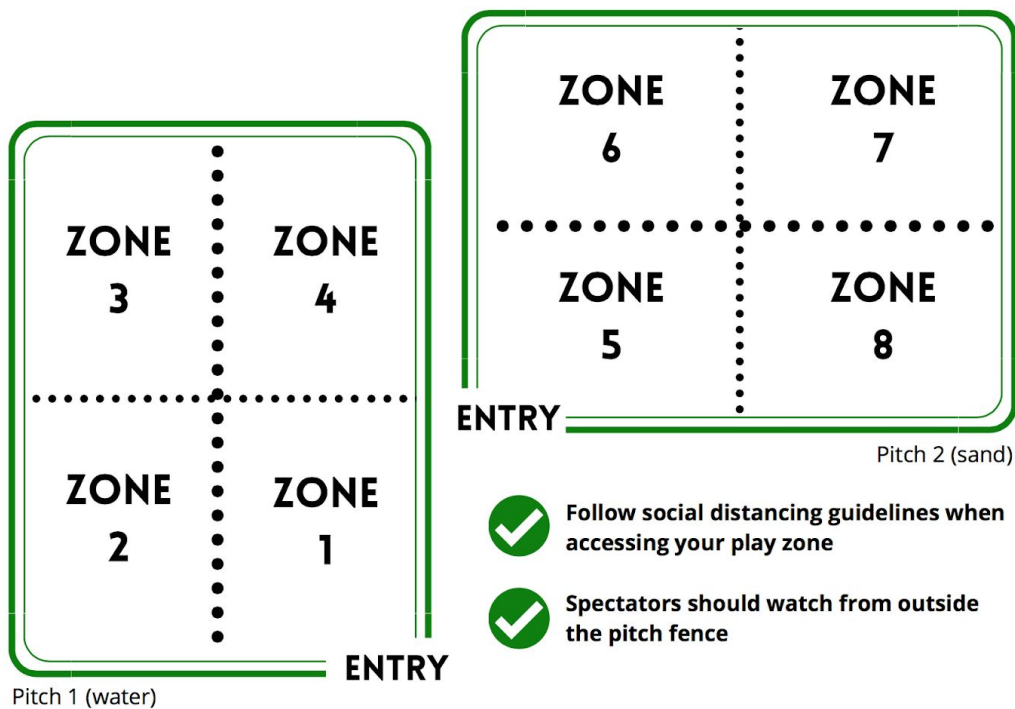
- Equipment must not be shared between players; nor will equipment be lent by the Club.
- Please bring your own marked balls - max of 4. We recommend that you clean and wipe down your equipment including ball, sticks, shin pads etc before and after play.
- If you are playing with a member outside your household; avoid picking up each other's balls. Only touch balls with your sticks.
- Please bring the minimum amount of equipment/kit with you and arrive ready to play.
- Any clothing or equipment left on the premises will be removed safely and put into the rubbish bins.

During play

- Each pitch will be divided into quarters and will be marked with nets or tape. Players should not cross into adjacent pitch zones. If a ball crosses into another pitch, ensure that you only use your stick to send it back.
- A two metre distance should be maintained at all times between individuals of different household.
- Please refrain from touching any other equipment (such as cones). Only coaches should handle these and will ensure that these are disinfected regularly.

- Gates to the pitches must remain open at all times. Please avoid touching gates and adjacent pitch side fences.
- Use of the dugouts is prohibited. Please do not leave your equipment on the pitch side benches.
- We are asking that you vacate your pitch **5 minutes before the end** of your booking slot, regardless of whether there are players waiting. This will allow a buffer period between bookings and enable players to conform to social distancing guidance.

If this guidance is not adhered to, the coaches have the authority to ask you to leave the premises for the safety of others and themselves.



Booking and payments

- Pitch use (1 hour slots) is free to members. If you would like to offer a voluntary donation for pitch use to contribute to running costs, we would be very appreciative.
- Bookings must be made using the online ["Pitch Use Booking Form"](#)
- Cash will not be accepted.

Future steps

We are very pleased to be able to get some activity happening back at the club, but our priority is the safety of our members and coaches. Please work with us to ensure that the guidelines are being followed so that we can all be safe. We will be reviewing the club usage daily and will make necessary changes if we feel the guidance isn't being followed.

Additionally, we will continue to follow Government guidance and will be prepared to curtail or expand our activities at short notice should there be any changes to the Covid-19 situation.

Surbiton Hockey Club

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