



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

AFFILIATED TO SURREY COUNTY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AND ENGLAND HOCKEY

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COVID 19: Guidance for Players Using Broadwater Hockey Pitches 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, Sport England and England Hockey guidance on public spaces, outdoor activity, and exercise.

It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that the guidance is being followed to ensure the safety of all users.

From Monday 15th June all GHC Members may hire a section of the Broadwater pitch at the following times:

Mondays 6-9pm

Thursdays 6-9pm

Fridays 6-9pm

Saturdays 9am-6pm

Sundays 9am-6pm

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

1. Who can hire the pitches for family use and/or 1-2-1 coaching sessions?

- Pitch use is only available to Club members.
- Junior and adult members may participate.
- Only players from the same household may play in any given section of the pitch.
- 1-2-1 Coaching is permitted, as is coaching of more than one player (maximum of five) from the same household.

2. 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, car park or in the grass area in front of the Club House and always maintain your 2-metre distance.

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- Only travel to the club if you have a confirmed session booked and arrive at the time of your booking, not before.
- We will operate a 10-minute gap between sessions to avoid too many people gathering during session crossovers.
- Junior members (16 and under) should be escorted by one parent / guardian to and from the pitch and should be supervised at all times - one parent / guardian may remain at the side of their child's pitch and should follow the 2 metre social distancing rules.
- Dogs are not permitted on the Broadwater School site.
- Only players and coaches will be allowed on the pitch and there should be no spectators gathering outside the pitch (except one supervising parent / guardian).

3. Health, Safety and Hygiene

- Follow guidelines on hand hygiene carefully. Hand sanitising gel will be available at the entrance to the pitches. We strongly encourage you to bring your own.
- Entry to the Club House will be prohibited, except for emergency access to the toilet facilities. Where reasonably possible please try not to use the clubhouse toilet.
- Bring your own water bottle, we will not be able to refill water bottles.
- Equipment must not be shared between players and coaches; nor will equipment be lent by the Club (except for balls/cones; please see below).
- Please bring the minimum amount of equipment/kit with you and arrive ready to play and take all your belongings away at the end of your session.
- 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).
- Any clothing or equipment left on the premises will be removed safely and put into the rubbish bins.
- 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.

4. During coaching sessions

- The pitch will be divided into six sections that will be marked with cones.
- Players should not cross into adjacent pitch zones.
- A 2-metre wide designated walkway will be marked out to the side of the pitch in
- the run-off zone and players should access their section of the pitch using this zone.
- A 2-metre distance between coach and player should always be maintained.
- Hockey balls will be provided by the Club and will only be handled by the coach.



- Players should only touch the balls with their sticks.
- Please refrain from touching any other equipment (such as cones). Only coaches should handle these and will ensure that these are disinfected at the end of the day.
- Gates to the pitches must always remain open. 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.
- 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.

5. Booking and payments

To book a slot on the pitch with or without coaching please fill out [this form](#). We are asking for some flexibility so that we can accommodate as many people as possible.

The club is subsidizing the cost of the pitch hire, cleaning costs and having a Covid-19 trained member of the coaching team on site at all times.

To hire a section of the pitch for one 50-minute slot is £12.

6. Future steps

We are pleased to be able to get some activity happening back at the club. 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 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.

Dan Fox, Director of Hockey
The Guildford Hockey Club Board
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