

Frequently Asked Questions – Covid-19

Questions	Answer
When will club hockey training resume in Wales?	We are currently in Phase 2: Non-Contact hockey since the WG latest announcement on Friday 10th July. Each Phase will be reviewed every 3 weeks in line with the WG announcements and any changes need to be made along the way will be.
What if a club do not have anybody to act as lead COVID officer	A club MUST have someone to lead as COVID Officer, if this is not in place it puts a huge risk on the club, therefore we would not be able to affiliate the club and its members until an officer is in place.
What procedures will be put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19?	We are strictly following WG Guidance and will always put in actions that we believe will mitigate any risks of spreading the virus and ensuring that our phased return to play is being introduced at the safest rate.
When will it be possible to play matches in Wales?	We cannot give a definitive answer at the current stage, but we will continue to review progress made every 3 weeks with our government guidance in mind and Clubs will be kept updated with the progress throughout each phase.
When will Leisure Centres open for us to play or train?	The opening of leisure centres and facilities may vary per area/per centre. We are keeping in contact with each local authority to understand when the opening will be to ensure we can best support the clubs based on the timelines. Facilities opening are beyond our control, but we are supporting as best we can within our capacity.
As an umpire or player are there any penalties etc. that could be applied if I experience unacceptable behaviour in regard to COVID protection from another player or official, such as spitting or another deliberate action that could impact on my health, or that of others within my area of control, such as when umpiring.	This should be dealt with in the same way as any other misconduct would be, with this being a severe punishment given the health risks involved. Please follow club complaints procedure, if not escalate to Hockey Wales.

How can I as a player, keep my skills and training going during this Covid time? Many clubs in England are now back up and running with new ways of managing numbers of players etc.	In our most recent guidance, provided on the 15th July, clubs can now return to Non-Contact hockey training in groups of 6 on a quarter of a pitch, therefore if your clubs facility is open and your club have the required regulations in place, you can now train at club.
When will sessions start again?	In our most recent guidance, provided on the 15th July, clubs can now return to Non-Contact hockey training in groups of 6 on a quarter of a pitch, therefore if your clubs facility is open and your club have the required regulations in place, you can now train at club.
What happens if we have key workers as members who are in contact with COVID-19 patients who still want to train?	As long as the member is confident that they are not showing any symptoms, they are treated like any other member.
What should we do if we need to move the goals during a training session?	This must be asked to the facility before moving any equipment that's owned by the facility. The facilities risk assessment must be fully adhered to.
How are we covering First Aid?	Please refer to Clubs Guidance Document, point 13.4 - https://bit.ly/2WRjrPH
Will Hockey Wales change guidance on international travel / return in line with safe countries and no isolation required?	We will look to add links to on the updated travel guidance to the website club toolkit, and also believe this is a clubs/member's responsibility to keep up to date with Government guidance and regulations.
What if we haven't got enough coaches to run sessions in small groups of 6?	Get in touch with your Club Development Officer to explore options of how we can support to make this possible for you.
Will the Wales hockey youth finals be played? My daughter was due to play in her last u15 match at the Wales finals and is very disappointed at losing this opportunity	Youth Finals 19/20 will not be rescheduled as we look ahead to the next years priority calendar and the decision was to cancel the finals not postpone them.
Will the 19/20 Cup Finals be played? If not how will the European qualifiers be decided	Competitions TAG are currently reviewing the options and will appropriately communicate with the impacted clubs in the near future.

Will there be an indoor tournament in 20/21? If not, how will the European qualifiers be decided	Competitions TAG are currently considering the options as part of the scenario planning process. As and when we are able to gain a better picture on the landscape of indoor sports and their return, we will make an informed decision.
I would like to understand if the sport will remain a contact sport and if so, will there be clear rules of masks etc? Will the club bulk buy to reduce costs, allowing for families who would not be able to afford to contribute?	<p>Hockey will remain a contact sport, but the phases of return to which we get back to playing will change the look of hockey at each phase.</p> <p>We will be advising clubs that there should be no sharing of any equipment, and if there is it is thoroughly cleaned in between each use or left unused for 72 hours, as we cannot be at every session it is guidance for clubs that we would like them to adhere to all in the health and safety of their members.</p> <p>Clubs have access to the Be Active Wales Fund that is distributed by Sport Wales, and our Club Development Officers fully support clubs through this process. Clubs can use this fund to purchase more equipment, PPE etc to support the preparation of the new season as a result of Covid.</p>
Will there be a hockey camp/s in the summer holidays?	Hockey Wales have made the decision to put Holiday Camps along with other initiatives on hold until January unless we are confident that it is safe to resume this activity sooner. Club training and league hockey is very much a priority for us.
Do home teams have a responsibility to record opposition players names and contact details and advise each if a case of COVID comes to their attention after a match, or just the away team secretary, league officials or who?	We advise that clubs / teams keep their own register for each game as well as training, this will ensure a more vigorous track and trace system if anything was to arise later on in the season. We advise clubs keep these documents on file for one season.
What can teams do if one player develops symptoms and the rest of the team must self-isolate, whilst waiting for a swab result, and end up missing a game?	We will be supporting leagues to scenario plan for these instances, so we ask that you ensure you are aware of league regulations as and when developed. These instances are key roles of the Covid Officers to ensure clubs are always aware of relevant information and guidance.