



Return to Play Safety Management Plan Marrara Hockey Centre

1. PURPOSE

To establish agreed protocols for the management of illness in athletes and other personnel attending the Marrara Hockey Centre (MHC).

To reduce exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

To enable training and competition to resume at the MHC.

2. DOCUMENT HISTORY & CONTROL

This Safety Management Plant (SMP) applies from Monday 18 May 2020 when training shall commence and is subject to directives issued by the Northern Territory Chief Health Officer.

It remains in effect after 5 June 2020 when Stage 3 of *The Territory's Roadmap to our new normal* is enacted, or is otherwise altered, varied or discontinued when COVID-19 control measures are either rescinded or re-activated. A review will be undertaken prior to the finals.

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3. SCOPE

This SMP applies to HNT employees, subcontractors, volunteers, Affiliated Clubs and their members, athletes, officials, sports trainers and spectators entering the MHC.

This SMP does not apply to Traeger Park Hockey Centre in Alice Springs.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The on-site Duty Manager shall ensure physical measures are in place before and during training sessions and games.

Affiliated Club administrators and team officials are to ensure compliance with this SMP and with their club's approved Safety Management Plan.

5. ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

The following abbreviations and definitions are used within this procedure:

Affiliated Club	An incorporated Hockey Club affiliated with HNT in accordance with Clause 6.2 of the HNT Constitution
CHO	Chief Health Officer (of the Northern Territory)
HNT	Hockey NT Incorporated
MHC	Marrara Hockey Centre, including storage facilities, children's playground, spectator stands and surrounding areas within the perimeter security fence
NTG	Northern Territory Government
Participants	Includes players, team officials (e.g. coach, manager), umpires, sports trainers, parent or carer, HNT Staff, subcontractors and regulatory inspectors
SMP	Return to Play Safety Management Plan (this plan)
WHSEQS	Work Health and Safety, Environment, Quality and Information Security

6. REFERENCES

Legislation

Northern Territory *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

Northern Territory *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act*

Northern Territory *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations*

Directives

COVID-19 Directions, Chief Health Officer, NT Department of Health

Guidelines

Framework for rebooting sport in a COVID-19 environment, The Australian Institute of Sport, May 2020

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Return to Play Plan for Community Hockey at the State Hockey Centre (Draft), Hockey Queensland, May 2020

The Territory's Roadmap to our new normal, <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/steps-to-restart/roadmap-new-normal>, Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture, Northern Territory Government, May 2020

Q&As – Sport and Active Recreation Sector, Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture, Northern Territory Government, Version 5, 8 May 2020

Minutes

NT Sport and Active Recreation Organisations Weekly Teleconference, Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture, Northern Territory Government, 1 May 2020

7. CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE

This SMP is controlled under HNT's Integrated Management System.

8. NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT'S KEY PRINCIPLES

8.1. Personal and Community Responsibility

Ensure you are following these principles in your daily life.

Encourage your family and friends to follow these principles in their daily life.

Take responsibility - it is only if the community work together that we will keep the NT safe.

8.2. Physical Distancing

A minimum space of 1.5 metres between you and other people that aren't from your household shall be observed until further notice.

If you need to be facing another person and be closer than 1.5 metres apart minimise contact to less than 15 minutes.

8.3. Hygiene Principles

Avoid touching your face and cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.

Hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before and after any contact with surfaces such as playground equipment that is used by more than one person.

Regularly cleaning and disinfecting surfaces that are touched by more than one person – e.g. phones, door handles, benches, equipment, toys etc.

Avoid sharing cups, utensils and cigarettes.

9. HAZARD AND RISK MANAGEMENT (H.A.R.M.)

Hazard and Risk Management at the MHC shall be monitored by the Executive Officer and on-site Duty Managers to ensure control measures are being implemented.



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Affiliated Club administrators and team officials shall ensure compliance with this SMP and Club specific Safety Management Plans.

All participants shall bring and only wear or use their own attire and equipment.

No Affiliated Club or personal training equipment shall be left at the MHC.

10. CROWD CONTROL – MOVEMENTS

The approach to training is 'get in, train, get out' with a spectator free environment and the minimum support staff available to support training sessions and participants.

To reduce cleaning and monitoring activities to the essential minimum, and to avoid unnecessary monitoring with limited resources, until this SMP is revised or withdrawn, MHC will remain a spectator free environment even after 5 June 2020 when Stage 3 of *The Territory's Roadmap to our new normal* is enacted. This requirement will be reviewed prior to the commencement of the 2020 season finals.

Other than only one parent or carer per child, no other spectator shall be allowed within the MHC during training or games. Participants shall exit from MHC quickly and efficiently.

If a parent is training or playing and due to family circumstances must bring their child to MHC, that child must be supervised by a responsible person to ensure social distancing measures are maintained.

Social gathering is not permitted while this SMP is in place.

10.1. Entry & Exit

Ingress and egress shall only be via the main double gate. Dividing barriers shall be installed to segregate those participants entering and those departing the MHC.

To allow participants who have concluded their commitment to vacate MHC, participants of following sessions or games shall only enter MHC 15 minutes before their scheduled training session and game commencement.

They shall proceed directly to their designated field and onto the turf as soon as practicable.

Exception: Goalkeepers may enter 30 minutes beforehand to put on their equipment within a designated Change Room.

Use of the common area and dugout shall be kept to a minimum.

10.2. Fit to Enter

Players, officials, parents, carers and staff shall not attend the MHC if in the last fourteen days they have been unwell or have had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.

Players who have recovered from COVID-19 infection should consider a graded return to competition.

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Persons suspected of being unwell, having any respiratory symptoms (even if mild) or having signs of a fever shall be denied entry and requested to return home, seek medical attention and notify the Department of Health.

Infra-red thermometers shall be available to determine whether any person has a high temperature.

10.3. Notification of Issues

The NT Department of Health shall be immediately notified by the Executive Officer or on-site Duty Manager whether there are any health issues or suspected COVID-19 cases.

10.4. COVID-19 Tracking

Team Managers or Coaches shall maintain an attendance record of all participants for each training session.

Details to be recorded shall include:

- Date;
- Given name and surname;
- Time in;
- Time out;
- Affiliated Club name; and
- Team.

10.5. Reporting

Where a participant subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, the exposure shall be immediately reported to a relevant Club Committee Member who will notify the Executive Officer HNT within two (2) hours.

Training attendance records shall be provided to the Executive Officer Hockey NT within 24 hours for onforwarding to the NT Department of Health.

10.6. Availability of Hand Washing Facilities and Hand Sanitiser

Access to handwashing is available within both ablutions and sanitising stations shall be available on the counter of the Ticket Booth at the front entrance/exit

Affiliated Clubs shall provide sanitiser products within their section of the dug-outs.

10.7. Separate Areas

Participants shall proceed directly to their designated side of the field to assemble, warm-up and cool down.

10.8. Training and Game Schedule

Training session and game times shall be adjusted to allow participants to arrive and depart separately – a minimum ten-minute window has been built into the program to allow for cleaning.

Dugouts are to be vacated before the following training or game participants are allowed to enter.

10.9. Training Protocols

Until 5 June 2020 non-contact skills training drills shall be undertaken in small groups of not more than ten (10) athletes/team officials in total.

10.10. Team Change Rooms

Participants are to arrive at and depart from the MHC in their training attire.

The change rooms are unavailable for team use.

Exception: Two change rooms shall be unlocked and designated (one per each field) for the sole use by goalkeepers to put on and take off their goal keeping equipment.

10.11. Dugouts

Limitation shall be placed on the number of people allowed in each dugout:

- Only two (2) Technical Bench officials, umpires, team players and only one coach and manager allowed per team;
- No other support personnel and parents or carers are to enter the dugouts.

Relevant emergency procedures for injured athletes to be implemented.

10.12. Ablutions

Access to ablutions limited to no more than four persons at any one time in either toilet. Participants are to self-manage this requirement.

10.13. Canteen Access

While the MHC remains spectator free the Canteen will remain closed.

10.14. Social Gatherings

There shall be no unnecessary social gatherings before or after training sessions within MHC.

No barbeques shall be held within the MHC complex.

While not within the jurisdiction of HNT, such physical distancing measures should be observed within the car parks adjacent to the MHC. HNT discourages the convening of social gatherings at 'The Rock Bars'.

11. HYGIENE

11.1. Water Containers

Participants shall bring and only use their own water bottles.

11.2. Shared Equipment

Hockey sticks, skin pads and goalkeeper equipment shall not be shared.

Face washers and water bottles shall not be shared.

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Hockey balls shall be cleaned by either the Team Manager or Coach before and after each training session. Technical Bench officials shall ensure match balls are cleaned after each game.

Players shall be instructed to minimise hand contact with hockey balls and other non-essential surfaces.

Gloves, provided by Affiliated Clubs, must be worn when moving Junior goals or rebound devices (i.e. tyres) for training drills.

Where practice matches are played, if used, any electronic umpire communication equipment shall be sanitised before and after each use.

Goals are only to be positioned by Duty Managers and their assistants – gloves shall be worn.

Team Manager or coaches are to wipe down with sanitiser all high-contact surfaces – these may include door handles and water bubblers.

11.3. Shared Uniforms

Training bibs shall not be worn – players shall be instructed to bring a light and a dark top.

11.4. Hand Washing / Sanitising

All participants, parents or carers and staff shall have access to the ablutions to wash their hands with soap and water.

All participants shall provide their own sanitiser. HNT shall provide sanitiser and gloves within the Duty Manager's Office for use by Duty Managers and staff.

11.5. Full Body Showers

Participants are to shower at home prior to training and wear clean training attire.

Participants are to shower at home after training and wash training attire.

11.6. Prohibitions

The following must be observed:

- No spitting anywhere or on any person;
- No gum to be consumed while on the artificial surfaces and if used elsewhere, properly disposed of in rubbish bins;
- No sanitiser products are to be applied to people or high-contact surfaces/equipment whilst on the artificial surfaces as they can permanently stain; and
- No jewellery to be worn while training or playing.

11.7. Cleaning Schedules

Time shall be allowed for Team Managers or Coaches to clean their respective dug-out areas.

After the last training session of each evening, or following an incident, Duty Managers shall clean and sanitise:

- Ablutions, including doors, door handles, taps and soap dispensers;
- dug-out area;
- Sign-in counter; and
- High-contact handrails

And regularly monitor paper towels, soap and hand sanitiser levels.

12. SPORTS MEDICINE

12.1. First Aid Room

Access shall only be utilised during an emergency.

Ice for soft-tissue injuries can be obtained through the Duty Manager.

12.2. First Aid Equipment

The first aid table shall be covered by a single use towel or linen sheet and the surface cleaned after each use.

Linen sheets shall be removed and laundered after each use.

13. PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR

13.1. Greetings

Handshakes and high-fives shall be discouraged. 'Stick bumps' are more appropriate both within and between teams.

Team huddles may only be held with players maintaining 1.5 m separation from each other and the coach and team staff.

13.2. Modification of Rules

Players with mobility disabilities shall continue to be afforded discretion to use aids such as walking frames.

Where there has been contact by other participants, mobility aids shall be cleaned and/or sanitised before and after use.

14. COMMUNICATION

14.1. Electronic Media

Hockey NT has its own Facebook page and website on which requirements of this Return to Play Safety Management Plan will be posted.

A newsletter, 'Turf Talk' will be regularly disseminated to all club administrators and registered players.



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14.2. Signage

Relevant signage will be posted on the entrance gate, notice boards, at dug-outs and other prominent positions such as the canteen, ablutions and locked change room doors.

15. AFFILIATED CLUBS

15.1. Club Specific SMPs

Each Affiliated Club within the Darwin Hockey League shall submit to Hockey NT a club specific Return To Play Safety Management Plan. This plan should address alternative training facilities such as Council of Darwin parks, ovals and running tracks etc.

Prior approval of the Club SMP must be obtained before the commencement of club training at the MHC.

16. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

16.1. Failure to comply with this SMP

Participants failing to comply with the requirements of this SMP shall be requested to immediately leave the MHC.

Repeat offenders will be denied further entry.

Where the Team Manager or Coach fails to comply with team requirements, or where several team members fail to comply, the entire team shall be requested to leave.

Subject to the severity and frequency of non-compliance, further sanctions may be applied.