

Injury Reporting Policy

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy relates to the recording and reporting of injuries sustained during hockey activity by England Hockey members, that being any club, association or organisation admitted to membership of England Hockey in line with the England Hockey Articles or in accordance with regulations made pursuant to those Articles.
- 1.2 Injury, for the purpose of reporting, is a physical injury sustained during hockey activity, to include training or play of any kind, that may stop or restrict an individual's play, role or future hockey activity.
- 1.3 England Hockey is committed to ensuring the safety of hockey and all those who participate in the sport. To ensure the continued safety of all its members England Hockey requires injuries to be reported. This will inform and drive areas of work towards increased safety. It will enable the England Hockey Board, and the International Hockey Federation (FIH) to have a greater understanding of risk across all levels of the sport and it will help improve safety and influence rules changes where appropriate.
- 1.4 The mechanism for reporting injuries will be the SportSmart platform.

2.0 What is the SportSmart platform?

- 2.1 Partnering with Podium Analytics to provide the best in class SportSmart platform allows advanced monitoring and analysis of injuries sustained during hockey activity.
- 2.2 The SportSmart platform is a GDPR compliant web and mobile enabled tool designed to make it quick and easy for members to record injuries.
- 2.3 The SportSmart platform includes tools, educational information, and insights to prevent, monitor and manage injury. Using the SportSmart platform, clubs and associations can:
 - 2.3.1 log injuries easily, record an A&E or practitioner visit or if a player was withdrawn due to injury;
 - 2.3.2 respond quickly to potential concussion with its online Head Injury Assessment tool;

- 2.3.3 manage return to play and therefore reduce the risk of further injury;
 - 2.3.4 build dashboard reports of incident and session data to improve understanding across the team and ongoing injury management;
 - 2.3.5 be used as the club/association's accident reporting process (as required by H&S guidelines).
- 2.4 The SportSmart platform will only retain personal data while you remain actively engaged with the platform, or if you give consent to hold it for another purpose. Personal data will be deleted, or anonymised so that it is no longer personally identifiable data, 3 years after the individuals last activity on the SportSmart platform.
- If your Club/Association has not yet signed up to the SportSmart platform you can find out more information [here](#).

3.0 Injury Recording

- 3.1 Ensuring England Hockey members use the SportSmart platform to report injuries sustained during hockey activity will enable the collection and analysis of quality (anonymised) data, enabling England Hockey to act accordingly for the good of the sport and its participants, giving them the best possible hockey experience in the safest environment.
- 3.2 SportSmart must be used by all England Hockey members (e.g. Clubs and Associations) to record injuries sustained by ANY player:
- 3.2.1 who is removed from the field of play as a result of injury;
 - 3.2.2 who reports an injury immediately after the session (after changing etc);
 - 3.2.3 who reports an injury, sustained in hockey, that prevents them taking part in other activities (i.e. if a player contacts the coach or club captain to tell them a niggles/ injury has now stopped them doing other sport or activity);
 - 3.2.4 who reports an injury, sustained in hockey, that required some form of medical intervention from a practitioner.
 - 3.2.5 In the event of an accident or injury during hockey activity (competition or training), the following procedure should be followed by the club or organisation:
 - 3.2.6 Seek medical help if required (emergency services, 111 or GP);
 - 3.2.7 Record details of the injury within SportSmart, as soon as practicable;
 - 3.2.8 For players under 18 years, make contact with parents or guardians (this process can be managed within SportSmart).

4.0 First Aid and Young People (U18)

- 4.1 All England Hockey members have a duty of care towards young people (under 18 years) in the sport. It is essential that a young person's parent or guardian is informed of any injury their child may sustain whilst participating in hockey activity.
- 4.2 Relevant medical information (e.g. allergies) and emergency contact details can be stored within the SportSmart platform. Injury reports can be shared and relevant parties (including parents and guardians) notified, directly through the SportSmart platform.



5.0 Non-Compliance with England Hockey's Injury Reporting Policy

- 5.1 England Hockey is committed to ensuring the safety of its members and the requirement to record and report injuries sustained during hockey activity is now a condition of England Hockey membership.
- 5.2 In the event that a member club/association fails to comply with this policy then England Hockey reserves the right to review the membership status of the club/association concerned.

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