



Okehampton Hockey club

Face Mask Policy



Policy For Wearing Face Masks When Defending Penalty Corners.

In line with the FIH rules of hockey (The Rules of Hockey 4.2), ENGLAND HOCKEY strongly recommends that face masks should be worn across all age groups and playing formats when defending a penalty corner.

When playing at or for Okehampton Hockey Club it is the personal responsibility of all players (and, in the case of juniors, i.e. players under 18 years of age, their parents or guardians) to provide their own protection equipment for playing the game of hockey, and OHC wishes to make members aware of its guidance in relation to the use of facemasks.

Adult players are permitted to make an informed personal decision whether to follow EH guidelines and wear a face mask or not. If they decide not to wear a face mask, OHC shall have no responsibility for their safety at penalty corners.

No player under the age of 18 years will be allowed to defend a penalty corner in any game for OHC or in any practice organised by OHC unless wearing a face mask.

At OHC, the Club currently provides some masks to junior and senior teams, but we cannot guarantee they are available for all games and the responsibility for providing and using them remains with the player and/or their parents or guardians. We therefore recommend that if any player is likely to be involved in defending penalty corners during a match or training they or their parent or guardian purchases a facemask.