



WHA Match Day Protocols – Open Grade

These protocols are designed to allow community hockey to happen safely under alert level 2 restrictions. It is important all our community help by 'doing the right thing' and ensuring these steps are undertaken to help protect against any potential spread of Covid-19. Please be aware of the specific venue site plan for where your game is being played.

On arrival – Teams to enter venues and meeting at designated arrival areas in the player/official's zones. It is important teams remain separated while in the venue.

Player/Management/Official Zones – these zones allow players, management and officials to arrive prior to playing and congregate. These zones need to remain spectator free.

Changing Rooms – Are available to be used for team talks prior to games, if required. For debriefs or match reviews please refrain from returning to changing rooms for these. Players can use the showers in changing rooms after games if required. Changing rooms are being cleaned daily. **Toilet facilities are open at all venues.**

Dug outs – Dugouts will be open and available to be used as normal for competition games. There will be hand sanitizer attached to the entry to the turf for each team to use prior to playing. We require a person from each team to spray all contact points of the dugouts (i.e. seats, fence rails, gates etc) with the supplied pump sprayer with disinfectant before the next team arrives.

Match Cards – If possible, preprinted lists to be stuck on the match cards rather than writing.

Match Ball – Avoid picking up the ball at any point. Use stick rather than hands when retrieving or placing ball for a free hit.

Spitting & Bushman Nose Blowing – As per Hockey NZ release, this is an automatic 2min suspension. No warnings or reminders will be given. Repeat offenders will be upgraded to a 10min yellow.

Protective Equipment – Individuals should have their own face mask for PCD. Sharing of face masks is not recommended. This also includes other protective equipment including gloves, knee pads etc

Contact Tracing – For all games played on WHA venues, teams are responsible for completing the contact tracing spreadsheet on the WHA google drive for all players, management and officials (if you are supplying the umpire for the game). This is a requirement for all teams playing on WHA venues. Players and management will not be required to sign in via either NZ COVID Tracer or IDme app.

Handshakes/High 5's – As per Hockey NZ recommendations, use the “hockey handshake” where you touch sticks.

Water Bottles – Important each player has their own water bottle and individuals do not share. No team or group drink bottles are acceptable.

First Aid – All teams will be responsible for first aid and ice for their own players or their group.