



Return to Play: Key Information on Stage 4

All the essential information on England Hockey's move to Stage 4 and what it means for hockey at Oldham Hockey Club...

Hockey in England has now moved to Stage 4 of the EH Return to Play Roadmap. This means that larger group sizes of up to 30 are allowed while on the pitch and that matches/gameplay and tackling are allowed.

Please note, any local changes to social distancing guidelines based on local lockdowns will take precedent and must be adhered to. Due to this, sessions may need to be altered or postponed as appropriate. We will endeavour to give as much notice on any changes as possible.

We are pleased to announce that we have conducted a Risk Assessment, reviewed and updated our policies and put certain measures in place to ensure that we comply with England Hockey and the Government's guidelines.

Guidance Notes

For a summary of the guidance issued by England Hockey on 7th August 2020 please see the Oldham Player agreement. Full guidance may be obtained by visiting the EH website. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with this guidance.

There are three particularly important points we would like to draw your attention to and which involve completion on your part in order to be able to return to hockey as an individual:

1. England Hockey Participation Agreement

All participants (players; or in the case of under 18's - their parent or guardian, coaches, managers and officials) MUST complete the England Hockey Participation Agreement before being allowed to participate in any Stage 4 activity. Your captain will provide you with a link to this information.

This form will only need to be completed once. No selection to matches or participation in training will be allowed unless this is done. You may be asked by the COVID-19 officer to provide any proof of completion.

Please be aware that such activity carries with it inherent risks due to the transmissibility of COVID-19 and that by signing this agreement, you acknowledge you are aware of these risks and agree to the terms and conditions set out by EH, the Government and OHC's Policies and Guidelines.

OHC reserves the right to ban individuals who repeatedly violate the terms of this guidance and you will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
Positive behaviours will help to keep everyone safe.

2. Oldham Hockey Club Registration Form

All participants (players; or in the case of under 18's - their parent or guardian, coaches, managers and officials) MUST complete the Oldham Hockey Club Registration before being allowed to participate in any Stage 4 activity. Your captain will provide you with a link to this information.

Part of the completion of this form is acknowledging that you have read, and will adhere to, the guidelines we have set out as a club to be compliant with England Hockey. These are listed in the Oldham Player Agreement.

This form will only need to be completed once. No selection to matches or participation in training will be allowed unless this is done.

3. Self-Assessment & Registration on Arrival at any OHC activities

All Club users will now have to self-assess (for COVID symptoms) and register EVERY TIME they enter the premises for an OHC session.

You will need to scan the QR code that is on posters at the entrance to the venue. Use your phone's camera function to do this. Failure to do this will result in the inability to enter the venue.

All members should be signed up to Teamo which will pre-populate fields after the first registration. You will need to register yourself and any other people accompanying you – children, guests etc.

Non-members and visitors will have to register in this way too but will have to re-enter their details every time they arrive.

The whole process should not take longer than about 10-15 seconds.

This data is needed for Track and Trace reasons.

All data is automatically deleted after 21 days to comply with GDPR rules.

We are aware that some members may be feeling anxious about coming to any club sessions again. Please contact your coach, captain, a member of the club committee or the OHC COVID Officer (Jessica Perry) if you have any questions, worries or comments.

Ultimately, this is really good news and will enable our members and other club users to enjoy the lovely weather, to be outdoors, to re-engage with their friends and team mates and to start some hockey.

Welcome back to OHC!

The Oldham HC Team