

**RISK ASSESSMENT - PLAYING AT Redmaids Schools**

Name & Position of Person Doing Check .....

Area of Concern	Risk	Level of Risk	Steps Taken to Minimise Risk
Access to pitch via car park area	Risk of injury to members and associates by collision with a car whilst crossing car park (especially young players).	Medium	RLHC Code of Conduct states that young players should be escorted to the pitch by parents when they are dropped off.
School playing fields run along the back & side of pitch.	Risk of injury to general public from hockey balls flying over fence into playing fields.	Low	Fencing in place behind goals at end & sides of pitch to prevent ball leaving pitch area
Spectators watching hockey matches	Risk of injury to spectators from lifted ball leaving playing area	Medium	
Safety of players during matches/coaching sessions	Risk of injury to players/officials participating in hockey Matches/coaching sessions caused by hockey sticks and balls.	Medium	Qualified umpires used to officiate matches and ensure rules are adhered to RLHC Safety Policy to be agreed to and followed by all club members and associates. RLHC Code of Conduct to be agreed to and followed by all club members and associates.

Safety of players during matches	Risk of injury to substitutes and coaches along the side of a pitch during a game.	Medium	Designated dug out areas set back from pitch side to be used by substitutes and coaches during all matches played at Redmaids School.
Safety of players during matches/coaching sessions	Risk of injury to players/officials participating in RLHC matches/coaching sessions caused by pitch surface.	Medium	Pitches inspected weekly to ensure surface is safe. Maintenance and repair of pitches carried out by specialist firm.
Safety of players during matches/coaching sessions	Risk of injury to players /officials participating in CHC matches/coaching sessions caused by equipment around the edge of the pitch	Low	All goals placed against the fence. Football goals either attached to fence or weighted to prevent them from falling. No other equipment left on pitch side. Equipment regularly checked to ensure that it is safe.
Safety of players during matches/coaching sessions	Risk of injury to players /officials participating in RLHC matches/coaching sessions caused by unsafe or inappropriate equipment (goals, corner flags) used for CHC hockey matches.	Low	Specialist equipment purchased from specialist firms that is suitable for hockey matches. Equipment checked weekly to ensure safety. Equipment replaced when no longer safe.
Safety of players during matches/coaching sessions	Risk of injury to players /officials participating in RLHC matches/coaching sessions caused by weather related poor pitch conditions	Low	Matches and coaching sessions cancelled if pitch is at all frozen or visibility is poor.

<p>Safety of players during coaching sessions</p>	<p>Risk of injury to players participating in RLHC coaching sessions caused by poor coaching methods, inadequate coach to player ratios and insufficient pitch area.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Qualified coaches (EHL qualified) used at all coaching sessions. Where volunteers are used they are under the supervision of a qualified coach. Coaching session outlines provided for junior coaching sessions to ensure continuity and safety. Maximum pitch space utilised for training sessions. Players split into smaller groups at training to ensure good coach to player ratio</p>
<p>Emergency vehicles can access the facility</p>	<p>Risk of delay in emergency services reaching the facility and attending to the incident/accident</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>A working telephone is available with access to emergency numbers. Emergency access points are checked and operational at all times.</p>