



Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead Hockey Club

Summary of Safeguarding and Protecting

Young People in Hockey

- 'Hockey Family' defined by England Hockey includes: players, anyone working within hockey in a paid or voluntary basis, coaches, umpires, officials, parents, spectators and commercial partners.
- Young people defined as those not yet 18 years old.

Key Principles

- Safety and welfare of young people is paramount. Anti-bullying, photographic and recorded images, communication and supervision ((Inappropriate language, behaviour and actions in presence of young people)
- Safe recruitment of paid and volunteers and DBS checks in place.
- Views and opinions and contributions of young people are sought, considered and integrated where applicable. (Listen and act if necessary!)
- Protected from harm. Reasonable precaution and supervision.
- Raise awareness of risks and particular needs as a result of vulnerability due to disability, language, sexual orientation, culture or performing in an elite environment.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and to report concerns to Club Captains and Welfare Officer.

Safe Transportation of Players:

- All drivers must have a valid and current licence for the vehicle class being driven and be familiar with the vehicle type and size.
- The vehicle must be safe, legal and roadworthy and have Comprehensive Insurance, current MOT, Breakdown cover and current tax.
- Drivers must not be tired or have consumed alcohol or over the counter medication on the day of travel or at the playing venue and if they have controlled vision they must wear their lenses or glasses when driving.
- If drivers are players and become injured or unwell to the extent they cannot drive safely then another driver must be authorised and insured to drive the vehicle.
- Passengers are to be mindful that they must not distract the driver by their actions or behaviour and the driver should brief them to make them aware.
- Drivers should avoid 'convoy' situations as this may lead to drivers travelling at speeds beyond their comfort level and too close to each other on unfamiliar routes. All drivers MUST drive in accordance with the Highway Code.
- All vehicles should carry at least one mobile telephone with an appropriate contact number (team and club captain) and accurate directions/maps or a passenger who knows the location of the venue.



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- Two adults should travel in a vehicle with young people.
- Drivers with a poor driving history or demonstrate bad or dangerous driving actions or attitudes should be excluded from transporting young people.
- Drivers transporting young people must ensure that adequate arrangements have been made for pick up and return of players from parents, guardians or pre-arranged supervisor and they remain under reliable supervision at all times.
- If a young driver, permission from parents to take other passengers and parent of passengers to approve. (Written consent is recommended)
- Young people should not be left alone or travel by car with a single adult unless parental permission

Young people under 18 must not be involved in, or encouraged to drink alcohol, smoke or involved with drugs.