

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SAFETY CHECKLISTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey is played on a field (or in a gym) by two teams using curved sticks to try and drive a ball into the opponent's net.

Risk Factor Rating

3

General Learning Outcome

The student will demonstrate safe and responsible behaviours to manage risks and prevent injuries in physical activity participation and for daily living.

Risk Management Strategies

Safety information and recommendations contained in this safety checklist are believed to reflect best practice to reduce risk. The suggested risk management strategies are considered minimum standards for physical activity in an organized or formal setting. They may not apply to all situations (e.g., home-based, recreational, or modified activities), and more stringent safety standards may be applied by instructors/coaches/program leaders of OUT-of-class physical activities in organized programs.

Instruction

Note: The amount and level of instruction/directions required by the student may vary based on circumstances such as the student's personal experience, skill level, and physical condition. The use of media resources, such as books and instructional videos, may replace direct instruction if deemed appropriate and safe.

Instruction is received from a trained/certified National Coaching Certification Program/Field Hockey Canada coach, or experienced coach capable of demonstrating minimum required competencies for certification as is appropriate, depending on various factors such as level of risk, intensity, accessibility, experience, and skill

All sessions are conducted in a safe environment, with students aware of potential risks involved in field hockey

Safety and game rules are learned prior to participation

Skills are learned in proper progression

Each session is conducted with a proper warm-up, cool-down, and appropriate fitness work

Drinking water is available and consumed as needed

Supervision

Note: The level of supervision is provided as is appropriate, depending on various factors such as level of risk, intensity, accessibility, experience, and skill.

Recommended level of supervision: **on-site supervision**

Safety rules and procedures are enforced

Emergency action plan is in place to deal with accidents/injuries

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Facility/Environment

Local weather conditions, forecast, humidity, and temperature are checked prior to session
Playing surface is level and free of debris
Indoor facility is free of water/moisture
Playing area is clearly marked/defined
Area surrounding playing surface is free of potential hazards
Playing area is situated a safe distance from traffic

Equipment

Equipment to be used is suitable and in good condition
Sticks must be checked regularly for cracks by coaches and players; damaged equipment must be repaired or replaced
Regulation (or developmentally appropriate) field hockey sticks are used
Canadian Field Hockey-approved ball is used
First aid kit and phone are available

Clothing/Footwear

Approved hockey helmet with cage and full goalie equipment must be worn by the goaltender
Mouth guards and shin guards are worn by all students
Appropriate footwear for playing surface and conditions are worn
Laces are tied and open-toed shoes are avoided
Jewelry is removed/secured when safety is a concern, or as per regulations of the program
Appropriate loose-fitting clothing is worn, providing unrestricted movement while adhering to the rules of field hockey
Suitable protection from the weather is used (e.g., hat, jacket, sunscreen, insect repellent) for outdoor games/practices

Other Considerations

The student has completed a regular medical checkup and a medical history prior to starting the program
The student has submitted the signed Parent Declaration and Consent & Student Declaration Form (student under 18) or Student Declaration Form (student 18 and over) prior to beginning the program
Registration in an accident insurance plan is encouraged
Students who suffer an injury are referred to appropriate medical personnel for treatment and rehabilitation, and should not return to training until cleared by a qualified medical professional
The activity is suitable to the student's age, ability, mental condition, and physical condition
The student demonstrates self-control at all times and avoids any behaviour deemed inappropriate
The student's choice of this activity as part of the OUT-of-class component of the physical education/health education course has been presented to the parent/guardian (student under 18 years of age) and to the teacher