THE HOCKEY FARM

TOURNAMENT COVID PROTOCOLS

for

ADJUSTED ALERT LEVEL 1

November 2021

This document outlines the COVID 19 protocols to be used during tournaments hosted at The Hockey Farm during the ADJUSTED ALERT LEVEL 1 conditions. The document has been drafted in compliance with National Government requirements, and is advised and aligned with similar documents compiled by the South African Hockey association.

Compliance with this document is mandatory for all staff, participants, and spectators attending a tournament hosted by The Hockey Farm during this Alert Level

The Hockey Farm encourages and expects Individual Responsibility

Pre Tournament

Preparation and forward planning of all the event participants is crucial to ensuring that we have a safe event. There needs to be heightened vigilance of all participants – players, coaches, officials, event staff, volunteers, from at least 14 days prior to arriving at the event. Everyone needs to play their part by observing the following in the lead up to the event as well as during the event:

- Decreasing external exposure by staying at home as much as possible
- Avoiding gatherings
- Wearing a mask at all times
- Social distancing
- Washing your hands regularly with soap and water

- Sanitizing
- Symptom tracking and awareness on a daily basis
- Isolating if you feel unwell

The responsibility to lower the risk as much as possible, is on each individual and each event participant.

General Control Measures

- A Designated Event Compliance Officer must be appointed
- All appropriate information material relating to COVID-19 must be displayed in a prominent place within the event venue.
- Mandatory screening of all persons entering and using the event venue.
- Masks as required by the health protocols and legislation must be worn by all personnel on entering and exiting the event venue.
- Health & Safety protocols for all spectators at the venue – screening, wearing masks, social distancing and the use of sanitizers.
- A dedicated isolation area for use by any individual who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while in the event venue must be identified.
- The LOC will keep a register, archived for 6 months, with contact details of all athletes, coaches, and officials.
- No more than 750 persons in attendance at The Hockey Farm per session inclusive of all players, coaching staff, medical, event officials, venue staff, spectators and media. This in compliance with Gazette 45297
- Strict access control ensuring that only those required for a match to take place are permitted on the field of play.
- Adherence to all regulated curfew times

General match day flow protocols

- Team Arrival entrances to be specified observing all screening protocols – wearing masks, temperature screening, sanitizers and social distancing.
- Team arrival to be staggered to avoid congestion of team entrances.
- Teams to limit use of changerooms by arriving dressed and kitted. Teams to discard own used items such as empty water bottles etc. in bins provided.
- Equipment Control and Hygiene as per standard operating procedure
- Hand sanitizing before players walk on to the pitch and when leaving the pitch
- Team Walk on and pre-match - contact to be limited at all times.
- Team Bench usage - with social distancing.
- Halftime protocol - use own water bottles, sanitize hands and use own towels

Guidelines for Private Hygiene

- Social Distance at all times and avoid crowded closed spaces.
- Masks to be worn at all times when in public
- Stay at home/ at accommodation as much as possible

Guidelines for Covid-19 positive cases, Covid-19 infected persons and Quarantine.

- Should positive cases arise during the Event a risk assessment will be done to determine the level of exposure and steps to continue with the event and to safeguard participants.
- Any players/management/officials having any symptoms should not be allowed to participate from the time of recording such symptoms. The Team Manager (or a delegated person) should report positive cases, or suspected cases immediately to the Tournament TD.
- Players can be considered unavailable due to either a positive test result or being a close contact, and therefore having to isolate.
- More than 3 positive tests within a single Team, will result in that team having to withdraw from the event.
- Should there be 3 or less positive test results, those players or staff must be isolated from the group, but the team can continue in the competition as long as they have a minimum of 8 players available.
- A similar procedure must be followed for tournament officials. The TD will appoint replacement officials should it be deemed necessary.
- Should the TD test positive or display symptoms, he/she must appoint a replacement TD and follow the same protocols.

Field/Court Requirements

In addition to the protocols already mentioned in this document, the following is in effect:

- Incoming teams must not enter the field/court until any teams inside the venue have left.
- Players, management, and officials must maintain social distance from the Technical Officials.