



## SYDNEY MASTERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (SMHA)

### 2021 ENTRY AND EXIT PROCEDURES FOR THE SYDNEY OLYMPIC HOCKEY CENTRE

The following are the key areas that require highlighting in relation to the specific procedures and requirements for all SMHA players, officials, supporters, and spectators. They **MUST** be strictly followed in order to participate in the SMHA 2021 competitions at the Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre (and any requirements for other hockey venues that may be used to conduct SMHA matches at any time during 2021).

#### ***Special Important Note from SMHA***

In all training and playing (includes local competitions and representative championships) organised by / associated with Sydney Masters Hockey Association (SMHA), all players, officials, spectators, and supporters acknowledge that, even with rigorous capacity and control measures in place at Hockey venues, there remains an unquantifiable risk of transmission of viral illness including COVID-19.

By training, playing, or attending any hockey venues you have considered that risk and your own personal circumstances, including any health condition or vulnerability that you may have or that of persons whom you will be in close contact with following training or a match.

You acknowledge that, for a small number of people, COVID-19 has very serious health consequences.

By attending training or a game you (and any persons who attend with you) acknowledge and accept these obvious risks.

### ENTRY AND EXIT PROCEDURES FOR SYDNEY OLYMPIC HOCKEY CENTRE

1. **All players must ENTER the Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre via the Main Entrance only** (irrespective whether the match you are playing is on the Olympic field or Pitch 2) and complete the **Service NSW sign in** via mobile telephone or manual sign in via registration form provided.
2. **The Parking Validation machine (4 hours free parking in P4) is located at the main entrance at the window of the ticket box** – parking tickets should be validated on entry
3. **NO animals / pets are permitted** inside the Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre
4. **ONLY PLAYERS / OFFICIALS and TEAM MANAGERS are allowed to be in the player dug out areas (at all times) on both fields.** Spectators / Supporters can only utilise the existing spectator seating areas that are provided and open.

5. Players should arrive say 30 minutes prior to their matches and be mostly fully changed into playing uniforms etc – players can use any open toilet areas etc as required.
6. **Players should complete their running and stretching warm ups** (prior to their matches and entering dugout areas) **on the grass areas surrounding the Olympic field and the perimeter of Pitch 2**, as the immediate warm up time on the field before every match will be shortened for hit ups only whilst field is watered (where necessary)

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC HOCKEY FIELD

### ENTRY TO FIELD AND DUGOUTS

1. **Players are NOT to proceed to ENTER the dugout areas until advised by SOPA and SMHA Duty Officers.** The only entry point is via the internal stairs through the glass doors. Players **MUST** wait outside the glass doors until advised they can **ENTER**. This will only be after all players etc from previous match have exited through the glass doors and **ONLY** after the dugout areas have then been fully cleaned / sanitised (approx. 5-6 minutes) by SOPA Cleaning team

**Note** – this is the same procedure for every match in 2021 until further notice

There are 2 Umpires change rooms / toilets and 1 toilet open for players and officials to use in the areas at the bottom of the internal stairs and immediately before entering the dugout area

**On Tuesday nights** the above process will be strictly enforced as NSW Institute of Sport have a prior field booking of 6.00 to 8.00pm

**On Wednesday nights** and strictly subject to no prior bookings on the field – players may enter the internal stairs from 6.15pm and proceed to dugout to get ready for the match

Field watering should commence for 10-12 minutes around 6.15pm

### DURING MATCHES

2. **In DUGOUT AREAS** – all player bags / stick bags etc **MUST** be placed on the available wall hooks or against the wall – there cannot be any bags on the players seat or in walkway areas  
  
Player's drinks / drink bottles etc should be placed on the top of the concrete wall for easy access during the match and during all breaks in the match (ie quarter, half, and three-quarter period breaks)
3. When **MATCH** is in progress all interchange / bench players **MUST** remain inside the dug-out area – except when moving on to the field to make a replacement
4. **During ALL BREAKS (ie quarter, half, and three-quarter time) ALL PLAYERS must be OUTSIDE the dugout area**

### **AFTER MATCHES AND EXIT DUGOUT AREAS**

5. **At conclusion of every match, ALL PLAYERS should move ASAP towards the dugout areas to “Thank” opposition team – rather than everyone meet in the centre of the field as this takes up valuable time from next match.**
6. **ALL PLAYERS on entering dugout area MUST then gather their bag / stick bag / drink bottle and any other equipment etc and MOVE IMMEDIATELY via the internal stairs up through the glass doors to EXIT to the outside area on the concourse.**
7. **The Team Co-ordinators from both teams MUST COMPLETE the match card with the Umpires them IMMEDIATELY also leave the dugout area**

## **PITCH 2 HOCKEY FIELD**

### **ENTRY TO FIELD AND DUGOUTS**

1. **Players are NOT to proceed to ENTER the dugout areas until advised by SOPA and SMHA Duty Officers.**
2. **ALL PLAYERS MUST assemble just prior to the conclusion of the prior match OUTSIDE the field gate in the south eastern concern of the field. This is the ONLY entry point to the dugout area for all players and officials**

**Note** – No player / official / supporter / spectator can ENTER the Pitch 2 building via the ground floor glass door (this was the pre COVID entry) immediately outside the internal change rooms. **This is strictly for PLAYER EXITS ONLY (from previous match).**

3. **Players MUST only ENTER the field area via the gate indicated in Point 2 above (on confirmation of SOPA / SMHA Duty Officer) when all players from the prior game are in the dugout areas.**
4. **Players from both teams MUST place their bags etc OUTSIDE their respective dugout and then immediately proceed with their hit up on the field (field watering may also be under way. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are incoming players allowed to ENTER dugout areas until advised by SOPA / SMHA Duty Officers. This will only be after all players from the previous match have exited and the dugout areas have been fully cleaned / sanitised (approx. 5-6 minutes) by the SOPA Cleaning team**

**Note** – this is the same procedure as adopted in 2020 for this field and again will be in place for every match in 2021 until further notice

The Umpires change room / toilet will be available / open for players and officials to use in the area at the bottom (back of) of the internal stairs before entering the dugout area

**On Tuesday and Wednesday nights** and strictly subject to no prior bookings on the field – players may enter the field and dugout areas from 6.15pm via the external gate outlined in Point 2 above and proceed to get ready for the match

Field watering should commence for 10-12 minutes around 6.15pm

### **DURING MATCHES**

5. In **DUGOUT AREAS** – all player bags / stick bags etc **MUST** be placed against the front concrete wall to the dugout – there **must not** be any bags on the players seat or in walkway areas

Player's drinks / drink bottles etc should be placed on the top of the concrete wall for easy access during the match and during all breaks in the match (ie quarter, half, and three-quarter period breaks)

6. When **MATCH** is in progress all interchange / bench players **MUST** remain inside the dug-out area – except when moving on to the field to make a replacement
7. During **ALL BREAKS** (ie quarter, half, and three-quarter time) **ALL PLAYERS must be OUTSIDE** the dugout area

### **AFTER MATCHES AND EXIT DUGOUT AREAS**

8. At conclusion of every match, **ALL PLAYERS** should move **ASAP** towards the dugout areas to “Thank” opposition team – rather than everyone meet in the centre of the field as this takes up valuable time from next match.
9. **ALL PLAYERS** on entering dugout area **MUST then gather their bag / stick bag / drink bottle and any other equipment etc and MOVE IMMEDIATELY via the internal glass doorway** behind the dugout area then outside of the building via the external glass door (past the change rooms) that was the pre COVID EXIT.
10. The **Team Co-ordinators from both teams MUST COMPLETE** the match cards with the Umpires them **IMMEDIATELY** also leave the dugout area