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### **Hockey Wales Guidelines on the use of Face Masks**

Hockey Wales strongly recommends, in line with the FIH rules of hockey (The Rules of Hockey 4.2), that across all age groups and playing formats Face Masks should be worn. It should be noted that Face Masks can be worn throughout a match if there are medical reasons for why that is appropriate.

*The FIH, Rules of Hockey state that: "field players ... are permitted to wear a smooth preferably transparent or white but otherwise single coloured face mask which closely fits the face when defending a penalty corner."*

Hockey Wales recommends that clubs undertake and evidence a risk assessment in relation to the wearing of Face Masks across all age groups and playing formats. If a club provides face masks, they must ensure that they are available. The club may decide that an alternate solution lies in the hands of members and they are clearly and regularly advised to provide their own facemasks.



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