

# **Olney Ladies Juniors Hockey**

## **Health & Safety Policy**

It is the policy of Olney Ladies Hockey Club to ensure the health and safety of children and young people when they are in the care of the Club, recognising, however, the unavoidable risks of taking part in a game such as hockey. The Club will make members and parents who are involved with junior hockey fully aware of the standards we are upholding and of the measures we have in operation. The Club will provide any necessary training to members and will supervise and update the policy through the Chairwoman, the Committee and Head Coach. The arrangements for implementing this policy are:

1. All players will be registered as members of the Club with completed Player Information Sheet (to be renewed each season).
2. At least one Coach will be available at every coaching session and match with access to:
  - a first aid kit
  - a mobile telephone
  - Player Information Sheet for each player and holding:
  - an Emergency Aid First Aid qualification (or another suitably trained person is present)
  - suitable insurance either personally or through the Club.
3. In the event of an injury or accident, the first aider will take appropriate action and contact the parent or guardian of the injured junior.
4. No player will be left unaccompanied at the end of a match or coaching session. However, it will be assumed (unless the Coach in charge is informed otherwise) that Parents/Guardians are happy for their daughter/ ward: (i) to leave with a person that such daughter/ward recognises and is content to leave with another adult or, in exceptional circumstances, to the Coach in charge.
5. It will be assumed (unless the Club is informed otherwise) that Parents/Guardians are happy for their daughter/ward to travel to and from a match in a car provided that: (i) the driver is a Parent/Guardian of another player, a player or a Coach or Volunteer. Parents/Guardians will be informed of the details of away fixtures including approximate pick up and drop off times. Any significant changes will be notified.
6. All Coaches, Volunteers, Players or Parents/Guardians who provide transport agree to ensure that they do so in a car that is roadworthy, appropriately insured, taxed and MOTed and within current legislative requirements.

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