**Rink Risk Assessment Template**

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The following risk assessment is a template and is not an extensive list of all possible hazards. Please make appropriate edits.

Club Name: [insert]

Original assessment carried out by: [insert name and role]

Date assessment was carried out: [insert date]

Date of next review: [next session]

| Hazard / Risk | Who might be harmed and how? | What action do you need to take to control the risks? | Who needs to carry out the action? | When is the action needed by? | Completion (yes / no) |
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| Slips, trips, falls and collisions  (venue wide) | Everyone in the venue  Fall injuries | 1. Coaches to review venue before each session. 2. Venue to be kept clear of all hazards (other equipment such as ice hockey equipment, rink equipment, tables and chairs etc. to be stored safely). 3. Route between main facilities to be kept clear and potential risks to be minimised (e.g. open locker doors in changing rooms to be closed, mats with curled edges to be removed, manifestations to be placed on doors/windows and step edges, etc.). 4. Any spillages to be dealt with immediately. | To be completed by club | To be completed by club | To be completed by club |
| Sport specific injuries | Players and on-ice officials  Impact injuries (including but not limited to; concussion, broken bones, dislocated joints, strains, sprains, and bruising). | 1. Club to provide players the opportunity to inform club of any disabilities/underlying medical conditions before the session and have appropriate care plans in place (e.g. diabetes, allergies, epilepsy). 2. Players to adequately warm up prior to each session and adequately cool down after each session. 3. Coach to intervene as necessary e.g. if a player is disorientated to the extent that they are putting themselves and their teammates at risk. 4. A minimum of one first aider in attendance at the session. A fully stocked first aid kit be kept on ice side and all accidents to be recorded. Any player receiving medical treatment will be closely monitored and only permitted to return to the ice when they have suitably recovered. 5. No body checking until legal age group (u14) | To be completed by club | To be completed by club | To be completed by club |
| Unsafe ice conditions | Players  On-ice officials  Sport specific injuries e.g. skating over damaged ice.  Blood contamination from an open wound. | 1. Ice to be regularly inspected (that it is clean and safe, no blood or debris. 2. Ice to be resurfaced after each 20 minute playing period. |  |  |  |
| Risk of puck and spectators | Spectators  Impact injuries (including concussion, broken bones and bruising) and muscular injuries | 1. Rink to be positioned with adequate clearance all around. 2. Nets and plexiglass to be used around the rink and regularly inspected for damage. 3. Playing equipment to be regularly inspected (that it is undamaged, clean and safe). 4. Goal posts to be suitably fixed to the ice to minimise movement and officials to check position and condition before and after each game (as well as during play as necessary). 5. Spectators to be seated at all times during each period behind plexiglass. | To be completed by club | To be completed by club | To be completed by club |
| Inappropriate playing kit | Players  Major to minor sport specific injuries | 1. All players to wear appropriate kit; helmet, gum shield, neck guard, gloves, shin pads, skates, jock, shorts, elbow pads, shoulder pads, and stick. Please note, a netminder will require additional position specific equipment. Female players advised to wear chest protection and male players advised to wear groin protection. 2. Equipment to be regularly inspected (that it is undamaged, clean and safe). 3. All players to remove glasses and any jewellery. 4. Coach to intervene as necessary (e.g. if a player’s blade is in need of a repair, etc.). | To be completed by club | To be completed by club | To be completed by club |
| Dehydration, over-heating and fatigue | Players  On-ice officials  Decrease in performance (physical ability and decision making) so increased risk of injury | 1. Everyone is aware of the location of the water source in the venue. 2. Coach to plan breaks to allow both players and on-ice officials to rehydrate between games or activities. 3. Sufficient ventilation within the venue, and drink breaks to be increased in the event of high temperatures. | To be completed by club | To be completed by club | To be completed by club |
| Safeguarding issues | All but particularly anyone aged under 18  Potential for harmful behaviour | 1. EIH safeguarding policy to be adhered to 2. All officials to be DBS checked. 3. Record the details and reason of anyone taking photographs in the session and ensure permission from participants or parents / guardians. 4. Spectators to remain in the designated viewing area – only players and on-ice officials are permitted on the ice. | To be completed by club | To be completed by club | To be completed by club |
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