



Gocrea8 Disclaimer

Field hockey presents numerous opportunities for injuries due to the fast paced, repetitive actions of the sport and the use of a hard stick and equally hardball. Ensuring the correct protective equipment is worn can prevent a high proportion of these injuries. England Hockey strongly advises mouth-guards are worn for all training and matches.

Gocrea8 consider that there is a significant risk of injury to players from playing hockey and precautions must therefore be taken to minimise the injury should any accident occur. Wearing shin-pads can significantly reduce the extent of any injuries sustained to the lower leg, likewise wearing a mouth-guards can significantly reduce damage and injury to the month when a stick or ball hits this area. It is now compulsory for all players (aged 5 to 18) attending Gocrea8 hockey activities to wear shin guards and mouth-guards during all training sessions (Camps etc).

Mouth-guards should be well fitting, the correct size for the child – it is up to the parent/guardian to ensure that their child has the correct fitting shin-pads. A made to measure mouth-guard from either a dentist or a specialist company will provide the best protection. Coaches, are not qualified to assess the quality and effectiveness of mouth-guards, and will therefore only be able to check that mouth-guards are being worn, and not its standard. This remains the responsibility of the parent/guardian. If a child arrives at any Gocrea8 Hockey activity without a mouth-guard the child will not be allowed to play.

It is the responsibility of each parent and child to ensure that they arrive with, and wear, a mouth-guard. As there are so many children playing at Gocrea8 activities, it would be impractical for the coaches to check every single child at every session; therefore you should not rely on any coach reminding your child to wear their mouth-guard. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the child to ensure that they do not commence any hockey activity without their mouth-guard. If you **DO NOT** want your child to wear a mouth-guard and would like them to take part in Gocrea8 Hockey activity then Gocrea8 cannot accept any responsibility for injuries that result from not wearing a mouth-guard.

If a parent/guardian signs a written disclaimer, stating that their child can play without a mouth-guard, this can be accepted by Gocrea8, and the child may be excused from wearing a mouth-guard, although this is not recommended. Any completed disclaimer to be returned to Gocrea8. There is always a risk of injury associated with the game of hockey which is the reason Gocrea8 has adopted this policy. Gocrea8, coaches cannot accept any responsibility for injuries that occur whilst a child is training or competing with or without a mouth-guard. The parent/guardian and child agree that injuries can, and do, occur in the game of hockey and that they accept this risk when allowing their child to play hockey.

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Parents/guardians are responsible for their children up to the time they arrive for registration. Players should not enter the pitch area before a coach arrives. Parents should be aware that they are responsible for any injury to their child, as well as any accident or injury occurring to other children, where their child is at fault. The parent is also responsible for any damage to fixtures and fittings at the venue of Gocrea8 camps that occur through any act by their child. Gocrea8 cover will not cover any incident that occurs when a coach is not present. We ask that children be supervised at all times prior to the coaches arriving at the pitch. (example: 1-2-1/Small group session) If players are making their way to Gocrea8 activities from home or school without parental supervision can you notify Gocrea8, Parents will be responsible for their child’s safety under these circumstances.

Signed Disclaimer:

I.....(Parent/Guardian),(Signature)

Consent to.....(Child)

To play hockey on the Gocrea8 Activity, at(Location),

on the.....(Dates) without wearing a Gumshiled.

Acknowledged by.....(staff member)

Signed by Staff member.....Date.....