



**HOCKEY
IRELAND**

Community Sports Facilities Fund

Hockey Equipment Guide

Below are some ideas for hockey clubs to consider for equipment-only applications. This document is not exhaustive, and it contains some items of equipment that along with good administration and coaching can help to increase **participation** and or **performance**, 2 of the aims of the governments Community Sports Facilities Fund. All suppliers mentioned are for information purposes only. Hockey Ireland do not endorse any particular supplier of equipment mentioned below.

Indoor Hockey



Indoor Hockey Boards and Goals

Make a partnership with a local secondary school to share the equipment to increase hockey participation in your local area. Use indoor hockey to establish a school / club link or a satellite after school club. Club indoor training can then take place in the school hall on a partnership basis.



2 x sets of club owned indoor hockey equipment (i.e. 30 x indoor sticks inch, 30 balls and 30 hand protectors)

- Junior set – 33 / 34 inch sticks
- Senior set – 36 inch sticks

Pitch Dividers



Pitch Dividers are popular amongst Belgian and Dutch hockey clubs and they are becoming more and more common amongst schools and clubs across Ireland. Their use helps to create a safer environment when multiple groups on a pitch at the same time. Also helps create more intensity as ball rarely goes out of play in mini matches and for Goalkeeper training.



8cm high minimum. Drainage piping is also used but rope is more robust, however more expensive. You can also purchase lightweight white foam dividers, though are much more expensive.

Suppliers:

KT Nets, Killybegs, Co. Donegal – www.ktnets.ie - hockey pitch divider rope, standard is 30m long

Local Builders Suppliers for drainage piping.

https://www.newitts.com/harrod-sport-hockey-pitch-divider-pad?sku=IT045188&gclid=CjwKCAjwloynBhBbEiwAGY25dJyAhtnEGSygloTSvlpBt10mVsQ1atDtYjwd1trZX55L-ajVR6u_NRoCi4sQAVD_BwE – supplied by Poium4Sport

Spectator areas



Goalkeeping Training Equipment



Items Goalkeepers and Goalkeeper coaches use for training sessions include:

- Crazy Catch rebounders
- Lacrosse Stick – to replicate drag flicks
- Obo D’Flecta – for low shot deflections
- Katchet Ramp – for low shot deflections
- Bola Hockey Ball Throwing Machine
- Foam rebound boards / boxes

Most of the above available from hockey retailers

Sets of Hockey Sticks for Introductory and Beginner Hockey Programmes



Numerous hockey clubs do not yet have suitable club owned sets of hockey sticks for various programmes and initiatives they could run. All clubs should possess a supply of hockey sticks to suit different programmes. Recently, clubs have begun to run Hockey 4 All / Parahockey ID teams and programmes. Also, introductory social hockey for parents and adult beginners have proved popular. And ‘Tricks 4 Sticks’ and introductory hockey sessions in the school yard in local primary schools.

- Set of 35 x 33 inch plastic Quick hockey sticks and Quick hockey balls (bigger and lighter) for Schoolyard hockey
Plastic club branded plastic hockey sticks available from So Hockey in Limerick
- Set of 30 x 36 inch fibreglass / low carbon sticks for Social Adult Beginner Hockey. Also suitable for introductory Parahockey ID initiatives.

Mobile Hockey Goals / mini goals / back board goals



- **Mobile** Mini goals for training and small sided games
- **Mobile** back board style goals for Super 6 and Extreme 8 junior matches and training sessions
- **Mobile** full-size goals for 11 a side match play, training sessions and for X8 junior matches

Make sure to apply for **mobile** goals as these are equipment and not a fixed capital fitting. Make sure to emphasise this

Goalkeeper Equipment



- **Club Owned Sets of Goalkeeper Equipment**

Goalkeeper Equipment for both junior and senior goalkeepers and to consider growing numbers i.e. extra junior / senior teams next season post pandemic and spare pieces of kit.

Pitch Maintenance and Cleaning Equipment



Pitch management may wish to apply for pitch maintenance equipment so weekly maintenance can be carried out in house

- Pitch maintenance equipment i.e. (SMG SportChamp) / rake
- Mobile boot cleaners at pitch entrance

Defibrillator



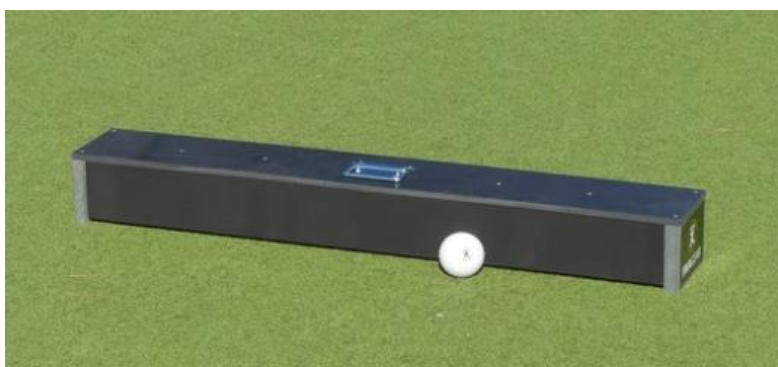
Defibrillators are included in the application guide and are a piece of equipment that clubs should consider purchasing / applying for if not already in possession of one or if there is not one yet pitch side

Electronic Game Clock and Scoreboard



A scoreboard and game clock are a 'raising performance' application and is suited to clubs competing in EY hockey leagues and hosting interprovincial tournaments etc. A Game Clock is part of International level hockey and the more pitches in Ireland that have one in use then our highest level club and international players, coaches and umpires will have more experience in performing when one is in use. It is key to incorporate club and sponsor logos to make it financially viable.

Club Owned Hockey Training and Protective Equipment



- Rebound boards
- Hockey Balls – every club could always have more balls available including mini balls for juniors
- Penalty corner defence equipment

Index of Suppliers

Specialist Hockey Equipment Suppliers include:

www.hockeyworld.ie – Cork

www.sohockey.com – Limerick

www.hockeyexpress.ie – Kilkenny

www.gsports.ie – Newbridge

www.edpsports.ie – Dublin

www.total-hockey.com – Banbridge / Belfast / Dublin

Hockey Goal Manufacturers in Ireland:

www.goal-post.co.uk - Goal Post NI (RC Engineering (NI) Ltd.)

www.goalpostireland.com – Goalpost Ireland

Supplier:

www.podium4sport.com – Irish Agent for Harrod Sport Goalposts

Other UK manufacturers include:

www.mhgoals.com and www.markharrod.com

Pitch Rope Divider Supplier in Ireland (pictured above)

www.ktnets.ie – KT nets, Co. Donegal , contact Dermot Gallagher re rope

Boot cleaner manufacturer (pictured above)

www.agnewengineering.com – Agnew Engineering, Craigavon

Scoreboards

Timing Ireland and FSL Scoreboards are the 2 main manufacturers and suppliers in Ireland

Indoor Hockey

SM Wood Design info@smwooddesign.ie contact Stuart Malcolm - Irish indoor hockey boards manufacturer

Harrod Sport boards and goals contact Podium4Sport – Irish agent

Goalpost Ireland make a 'futsal' goal which is suitable with a hockey net for indoor hockey (goal size 3m x 2m)

There are other suppliers of indoor boards and goals in England and Europe (ie Erhard Sport / Schaeper Sport in GER)

Foam Rebound Bars, wooden folding goals, boards and drag flicking ramps

Irish manufacturer Karl Chapple – chapsey64@hotmail.com