

Risk Assessment Guidance

The assessor can assign values for the hazard severity (a) and likelihood of occurrence (b) (taking into account the frequency and duration of exposure) on a scale of 1 to 5, then multiply them together to give the rating band:

Hazard Severity (a)		Likelihood of Occurrence (b)	
1 – Trivial	(eg discomfort, slight bruising, self-help recovery)	1 – Remote	(almost never)
2 – Minor	(eg small cut, abrasion, basic first aid need)	2 – Unlikely	(occurs rarely)
3 – Moderate	(eg strain, sprain, incapacitation > 3 days)	3 – Possible	(could occur, but uncommon)
4 – Serious	(eg fracture, hospitalisation >24 hrs, incapacitation >4 weeks)	4 – Likely	(recurrent but not frequent)
5 – Fatal	(single or multiple)	5 – Very likely	(occurs frequently)

The risk rating (high, medium or low) indicates the level of response required to be taken when designing the action plan.


Rating Bands (a x b)		
LOW RISK (1 – 8)	MEDIUM RISK (9 - 12)	HIGH RISK (15 - 25)
Continue, but review periodically to ensure controls remain effective	Continue, but implement additional reasonably practicable controls where possible and monitor regularly	-STOP THE ACTIVITY- Identify new controls. Activity must not proceed until risks are reduced to a low or medium level

	Trivial	Minor	Moderate	Serious	Fatal
Remote	1	2	3	4	5
Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
Possible	3	6	9	12	15
Likely	4	8	12	16	20
Very likely	5	10	15	20	25

Risk Assessment Record

Risk Assessment of: Water Polo Club – Fresher’s week events	Assessor(s): Krzysztof Fedorczyk	Date: 31/08/2022
Overview of activity / location / equipment / conditions being assessed:	Sports Day, Sports Fair, Campus Challenge / Founders Hall, Parade / Goal and balls	
Generic or specific assessment? Generic risk assessment	Context of assessment	

#	Hazard(s) identified	Persons affected	Existing controls & measures	A	B	A x B	Additional controls required
1	Finger and hand injury from throwing	Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will pass the ball with care We all know how to throw/catch a polo ball Knowledge of basic first aid 	1	3	3	
2	Set up of goal Fingers jammed etc	Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will make sure we know how to work the goals Knowledge of basic First Aid 	3	3	9	
3	Injuries from incorrect technique	Members, general public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will demonstrate before letting newbies have a go at throwing Knowledge of basic First Aid 	1	2	2	
4	Being hit by a ball	Members, general public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will pass the ball with care We (members) all know how to throw/catch a polo ball Knowledge of basic First Aid 	3	1	3	

#	Hazard(s) identified	Persons affected	Existing controls & measures	A	B	A x B	Additional controls required
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6			•				
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