

Risk Assessment for Orienteering

Risk assessments are concerned with identifying the hazards (i.e. things which might go wrong or cause an accident/injury), evaluating the likelihood of a particular event occurring (i.e. level of risk) and putting measures in place needed to reduce or eliminate the risk.

Name of Club / satellite club name / after school club			Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers	
Name of person completing this		Peter Harris	Position of person completing	Series CoOrdinator
form Venue for session / event / activity		Normanby Hall	this form (coach, organiser etc) Date for session / event / activity	Wednesday 24 th May2023
Name of person in charge of session / event / activity		Peter Harris		
Risk assessment signed	Pelohun.		Risk assessment dated	24 th May 2023
Risk assessment checked by (name, position and date)	Print name & position Sign and d	(planner etc): Isoldt Harris	·	·

Emergency Information

Emergency access point (for emergency vehicles)	Post code / grid reference: Grid Ref SE894158	Place from which signed: Normanby Hall Entrance
Nearest A&E hospital:	Name and Post code: Scunthorpe DN157BH (Cliff Gardens) 01724-282282 Grimsby DN33 2BA (Scartho Road) 01472- 874111	Map available (where): Registration
Working telephone:	Landline or mobile: If mobile (reception checked?) Signal checked prior to event.	Number: 07942 678400 (HALO mobile)
First Aid cover	Name of first aider: Karen Cook/Megan Smith	Located where? At Registration

The Risk Assessment (Normanby Hall May24th 2023)

It is essential that the mitigation column is completed in detail so that the control measures and who is responsible is fully understood in advance of the activity / session / event and that all staff / helpers are fully briefed.

NB: it is not sufficient only to put warnings in preliminary information as there is no way of being sure that all participants will have read them.

Hazard – note under these headings (see suggested examples to consider)	Possible outcome / injury including note on severity and likelihood of occurrence	Mitigation What control measure? Who is responsible?
In area to be used (indoor / outdoor): Outdoors Slopes) Ponds) Fences)	Low risk – low/medium severity	Competitors aware of position of Slopes, Ponds, Fences, etc. They are marked on Map with standard symbols. (Responsibility – Mapper IH) Courses planned to avoid the worst of these (Responsibility – Planner IH).
Fallen Trees in woods	Low risk – low/medium severity	Competitors informed at Start – certain amount of recent thinning
Uneven surfaces on the course Uneven surfaces Car park, etc	Low risk – low/medium severity	Competitors aware – all events have uneven surfaces If in car-park, notice posted in final details (Responsibility – Organiser PH)
Undergrowth/tree branches	Low/medium risk – low severity	Competitors aware – standard for Orienteering Events
Slippery surfaces	Low risk – low/medium severity	Competitors aware – standard for Orienteering Events
Traffic	Low/Medium risk - High severity	Traffic to and from parking Registration Away (Responsibility – Organiser PH)
Fences	Low Risk – low/medium severity	Competitors aware – standard for Orienteering Events,
Nettles	Low Risk – low severity	Growth this time of year, courses planned to avoid worst areas
COVID 19	Low Risk – medium/high severity	BO Guidelines followed as per other Events in Series

Low risk - low severity	
	Competitors checked by Starter that they are correctly equipped.
Low risk - low severity	First Aid Kit at registration, phone ambulance if required.
Low risk - high severity	Register maintained of starters, search procedure implemented if required (competitors advised to carry whistles to sound alarm if can't move)
Low risk - medium severity	Dog walkers in area plus light slow moving traffic
Low risk - medium severity Low risk - medium severity	Check clothing is appropriate for weather. (Starter) Advise participants to be hydrated. (Organiser) Longer daylight hours in May
	Organiser (PH) checked weather forecast prior to event (18C)
Low risk - low/medium severity	Cabling to be kept tidy, all connections to be secure.
-	Low risk - medium severity Low risk - medium severity Low risk - medium severity

Examples of hazards with the potential to cause harm

NB: this list is not exhaustive; nor will all these be present. It is given as an aid to the person completing the risk assessment.

Area to be used: Indoors	Area to be used: Outdoors	Equipment:
 Floor surface Other equipment/obstacles Shared use (dining room / other activities) 	 Uneven surfaces Slopes/steps Slippery surfaces Tree roots/branches Vegetation (prickly, stinging) Wire / ruined fences Walls to be climbed Litter (glass, used needles) Water (streams, rivers, ponds) Cliffs / crags Traffic (including road crossings) Rail / tram lines Mineshafts / caves Military debris 	 Pencils in hand when running Pin punches Cane tops Tent guys Electrical equipment – cables Generators Cooking equipment
 Participants: Clothing / shoes Existing medical conditions Unexpected reactions/allergies Disorientation Tiredness 	Other people / activities in area: • Walking dogs • Cyclists • Horse riders • Forestry operations • Park maintenance • Shooting / archery • Golf • Stranger danger	Weather: • Cold / heat • Rain / snow / hail • Excessive wind • Lightning