

Risk Assessment: PADDLE IN THE PARK

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WHITE WATER COURSE – Workshops and White Water Paddlers

Hazard	Who might be harmed and how?	Before Controls (initial risk)	Control Measures (Existing)	Control Measures (Proposed)	After Controls (Revised risk)
		1-5			1-5
Local Rules	White Water Participants	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to sign in and register before getting on the water. Coaches are to walk the course prior to starting the session-this can be undertaken whilst setting a course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants must be wearing a White Water Wristband to access the white water. 	1
Course Configuration	Leaders/Participants and competitors	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches/leaders are to highlight any potential hazards/risks to their participants for their session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders and Competition leads to walk the course and highlight any hazards during briefings. 	2
Entrapment	Leaders/Participants and competitors	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are made aware of the hazards Centre to set a safe course Centre is to ensure that safety equipment is available throughout the session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants on white water declared able to self-rescue and are competent swimmers. Leaders able to rescue White Water safety staff on stations throughout the course. 	1
Moving Water	Leaders/Participants and competitors/Spectators	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants made aware of the hazards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants on white water declared able to self-rescue and are competent swimmers. 	2

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants aware of good swimming techniques in moving water • Leaders and participants to wear a buoyancy aid at all times when operating water side of the step • Spectators not allowed water side of the step 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coloured band system will not allow Lagoon Pass holders to access the white water. - Buoys across the bridge area to the white water course to stop beginners floating towards the white water. 	
Other Users on the course	Leaders/Participants and competitors	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader to co-ordinate usage with other users • All users to be aware of participants on the White Water Course • Participants to understand Course Etiquette and always look upstream before leaving the eddy 	- Leaders of workshops to inform groups.	1
Slalom Poles	Leaders/Participants and competitors/Spectators	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All excess poles to be pulled to the side before the session by the centre and competition staff. 		1
Slippery Banks	Leaders/Participants and competitors	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants and leaders to be aware of the hazards 	- Event staff to monitor this and use signage to warn if needed.	2
Setting the Course	Leaders/Participants and competitors	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good manual handling techniques are to be used at all times • Buoyancy Aid to be worn at all times 		1
Emptying Boats	Leaders/Participants and competitors	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good manual handling techniques are to be used at all times • Leaders to support workshops 	- Pay and play participants to have help on the bank with kit and equipment.	1
Equipment and Clothing	Leaders/Participants and competitors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader is to ensure that the clean rope/line theory is applied at all times • Suitable equipment to be worn at all times 	- Wetsuits, helmets and buoyancy aids available for all to rent or borrow.	1

Head Injuries, Fractures, Dislocates	Leaders/Participants and competitors	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any injuries to reception and complete an Accident Report Form First aiders provided by the centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a clear process for major accidents 	1
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ON SITE RISK ASSESSMENT – Including spectators, participants, demo area, registration and trade stands.

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Falling equipment or gazebos	Participants, Staff	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All structures to be weighted and pegged down to the ground. Signs to be hammered into ground. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If weather conditions worsen, e.g. Wind speed – Gazebos and tents to be deflated/taken down. 	2
Dehydration/tiredness	Participants, Staff, Leaders	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All encouraged to keep hydrated throughout the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water in the staff/volunteers room for all 	1
Trip Hazards	Leaders/Participants and spectators	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any trip hazards reported to main reception. Spectators stay behind the bank step. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wires or leads to be covered/taped down 	1

Score Overall Risk Acceptability

1 - 2 Low risk Reasonably acceptable risk. Modify wherever possible. Implement control measures. Monitor.

3	Medium risk	Tolerable risk. Review and modify wherever possible. Enforce control measures. Review regularly. Monitor.
4-5	Very High risk	Unacceptable risk. Stop work and modify urgently. Enforce control measures.