

FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT
Canoeing, Sit On Top Kayaking, Rafted Canoeing

HAZARD	AT RISK	DEGREE OF RISK	ACTION TO CONTROL RISK	COMMENTS
DROWNING	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoyancy aids to be worn - correct size properly fitted and checked by Instructor • All instructors to hold a British Canoeing Paddle sport Instructor, Level 2 Coach or above. • Close supervision of all participants. The Line of sight of all boats will be maintained by the Instructor. • Qualified First Aider on Instruction Team. • Group members are briefed before going afloat re. capsize drill or what to do if they enter the water. 	

HYPOTHERMIA	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW / MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blankets are carried in the minibus, to use with any group members who get wet on the session for the journey back to the centre. With novice paddlers, we will raft open canoes in winter conditions. With novice paddlers only use sheltered, confined areas/stretches of water. Wet suits and/or waterproofs can be provided in cold weather. All instructors hold a British Canoeing Paddle Sport Instructor, Level 2 Coach or above. Qualified First Aider on Instruction Team. 	
PHYSICAL INJURY	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure group members have adequate footwear. Stress the importance of handling the paddle safely. Helmets to be worn at the discretion of the Instructor in charge of the session. Ensure buoyancy aids are worn. Stress the need for care when disembarking. Demonstrate the correct method of carrying/launching the craft. All instructors hold a British Canoeing Paddle Sport Instructor, Coach Level 2 or above. Qualified First Aider on Instruction Team. 	

ILLNESS	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	MEDIUM / LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid water with known pollution problem. • Ensure cuts/open wounds are dressed before activity. All group members advised to wash hands after the session. If anyone enters the water they are advised to shower. • Discourage deliberate capsizes. • Medical ailments of staff/group members to be found on the consent forms. • All instructors hold a British Canoeing Paddle Sport Instructor, Level 2 Coach or above. • Qualified First Aider on Instruction Team. 	
WHERE NUMBER EXCEEDS B.C.U. GUIDELINES	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical expert will advise. The level of competency of the coach • The suitability of the group. • The nature of location of session. • Suitable weather/environment conditions. • The availability of assistant adult leaders. 	

SHOOTING WEIRS	INSTRUCTOR CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical expert will advise. The level of competency of the coach. • The suitability of the group. Level 2 Coach completed site-specific training. • The nature of location of session. Controlled ratio on the water. 1 instructor to 5 students. • Suitable weather/environmental conditions Site-specific weirs. • The availability of assistant adult leaders. Only done in summer conditions. 	Level 3 or approved Level 2 coach
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This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary