

FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

HIGH ROPES – Gladiator Challenge

| HAZARD | AT RISK | DEGREE OF RISK | ACTION TO CONTROL RISK | COMMENTS |
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| HEAD INJURY | CLIENT INSTRUCTOR | MEDIUM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helmets are issued to all participants, staff member and are also worn by instructors. The fitting of helmets is checked by the instructor prior to and throughout the session. Helmets may only be removed if outside the area of the activity and or the instructor has given permission. | |
| FALLING OFF WHILST ON/ AT TOP OF GLADIATOR CHALLENGE | CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasise the need to listen to instructions. Ensure correct staff to student ratios. Clear concise briefing. Correct belaying procedure. | |
| HITTING THE GROUND DUE TO CLIENT TO CLIENT BELAYING | CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRIGRI belaying devices are used, training given as to the correct use as recommended by the manufacture. Belayers are backed up by a person on the dead rope. Instructor continuously supervising group members. Instructor to lower group member down. | |

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| HITTING THE GROUND DUE TO ROPE STRETCH | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | MEDIUM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep ropes as tight as possible. • Lower group member down slowly. | |
| PHYSICAL INJURY (Crushed fingers, stamping, etc). | CLIENT | MEDIUM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members warned of working in close Proximity to others and the potential for injuring one another. • Instructor is a qualified first aider and carries a first aid kit. • Group members have personal medication with them and instructor checks all group members' medical conditions PRIOR to the session via the Group Medical Form. | |
| PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY | CLIENT | MEDIUM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members not put under unreasonable pressure and forced to complete an activity against their will. | |
| CLOTHING / HAIR CATCHING IN EQUIPMENT | CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long hair tied back. • Clothing secure. • Rescue equipment available to hoist and release. | Discussed with VERTEX 15/16 April 2019 |
| INJURY FROM JEWELLERY | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members are instructed to remove all loose jewellery before session. • Group members advised of the risks associated with taking part in the activity with jewellery in place. | |

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| BECOMING DETACHED FROM ROPE AND FALLING TO THE GROUND | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group members tied into the rope using a re-tied figure of eight knot with stopper knots tail. Karabiners not used to secure client to the safety rope. | |
| WEATHER | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity stopped / cancelled if weather presents a significant risk e.g. lightning, high winds. | |
| HARNESS COMING UNDONE / FALLING OFF | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to check the correct sizing and fitting of harness. Instructor continues to re-check harness throughout the session particularly if removed or adjusted by the client. | |
| EQUIPMENT FAILURE | INSTRUCTOR CLIENT | LOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session leader to check rope before drawing equipment. All other equipment to be checked before use. All running gear to be kept in a safe and dry area. | |

This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary