

## FAIRPLAY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

### HIGH ROPES – Leap of Faith

HAZARD	AT RISK	DEGREE OF RISK	ACTION TO CONTROL RISK	COMMENTS
HEAD INJURY	CLIENT INST	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helmets are issued to all participants, staff member and are also worn by instructors.</li> <li>The fitting of helmets is checked by the instructor prior to and throughout the session.</li> <li>Helmets may only be removed if outside the area of the activity and or the instructor has given permission.</li> </ul>	
FALLING OFF WHILST ON/ AT TOP OF LEAP OF FAITH	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasise the need to listen to instructions</li> <li>Ensure correct staff to student ratios.</li> <li>Clear concise briefing</li> <li>Correct belaying procedure</li> </ul>	
HITTING THE GROUND DUE TO CLIENT TO CLIENT BELAYING	CLIENT	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRIGRI belaying devices are used by or supervised by Fairplay House staff.</li> <li>If group member is pulling GRIGRI then must be on dead rope.</li> </ul>	
HITTING THE GROUND DUE TO ROPE STRETCH	CLIENT	MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep instructor ropes as tight as possible whilst client is climbing the pole to the leap of faith.</li> <li>Group member to be lowered down slowly after jumping.</li> <li>Instructor to consider using belay ground anchor when appropriate.</li> </ul>	

<b>PHYSICAL INJURY</b>	<b>CLIENT</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group members warned of working in close proximity to others and the potential for injuring one another.</li> <li>• Instructor is a qualified first aider and carries a first aid kit.</li> <li>• Group members have personal medication with them and instructor checks all group members' medical conditions PRIOR to the session via the Group Medical Form.</li> </ul>	
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY</b>	<b>CLIENT</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group members to be encouraged but not put under unreasonable pressure and forced to complete an activity against their will.</li> </ul>	
<b>ROPES TWISTING WITH EACH OTHER</b>	<b>CLIENT</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group members informed of the risks in crossing ropes</li> <li>• Group members to uncross ropes should they become crossed before being lowered to the ground.</li> <li>• If ropes unable to be uncrossed one climber should be lowered slowly to reduce friction.</li> </ul>	
<b>MOVEMENT OF THE TRAPEZE BAR</b>	<b>CLIENT</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructors must ensure that the trapeze bar is secured by ropes at each end and pulled tight through each of the Petzl Shunts</li> <li>• If the trapeze bar is adjusted it must be secured again through the ropes and the Petzl Shunts</li> </ul>	

**This risk assessment is reviewed annually or earlier if necessary**