

Fencing

Generic Risk Assessment



Hazard	Risk	Who is Affected?	Risk Before			Action Taken	Risk After		
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Equipment	Misuse of equipment leading to injuries due to being hit e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	All	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be briefed on safe practice for carrying and behaving with foils. Safety equipment to be worn. Safety brief to be given prior to session commencing. Equipment must be left secure when unattended. 	3	1	3
	Wearing equipment incorrectly, causing injury due to being struck by a foil	Participants	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants must wear full protective clothing. Staff member to check safety equipment and remain vigilant of protective equipment whilst participants are fencing. 	2	1	2
Foil	Injury due to being struck by foil	All	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to give safety talk about boundaries of area. Staff member to set up defined safety area. All participants without masks, and spectators, to remain in the designated waiting area. Staff member to remain vigilant at all times. Safety brief must make clear that they must stop fencing immediately if someone calls "STOP". Safety brief must make clear that masks MUST be worn when foils are in hands. Staff member must ensure that all participants are wearing closed shoes and long trousers. 	4	1	4
Faulty Equipment	Injury due to faulty equipment	Participants	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment should be checked prior to use and during session. All equipment must be checked in line with monthly safety checks. Staff Member must check that all foils have safety buttons on the end. 	2	1	2

Objects in activity area	Injury from collisions with objects, causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity area must be clear of all obstructions. Any equipment not in use should be removed from the activity area. 	2	1	2
Participants	Collisions with other participants causing concussion, bruises or abrasions	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to ensure participants are spaced out when activity takes place. Staff member to ensure there is good participant control during the session. Safety brief must state that participants cannot run while fencing. 	2	1	2
Surfaces	Hard, uneven or slippery surfaces causing slips, trips and falls	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area checked for hazards before session. Participants checked to ensure they are wearing suitable footwear. Safety brief must state that participants cannot run while fencing. 	3	1	3
Non Participants	Encroachment, causing injury from being hit by foil	Public	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When not in a sole use area, a clear boundary must be set up to define activity area. Staff member to be aware at all times of anyone approaching the area. Appropriate signage to be in place prior to start of session. 	3	1	3
Jewellery/Objects in Pockets	Entrapment/ collisions causing cuts, bruises and abrasions	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants checked to ensure they have removed jewellery and objects from pockets. 	2	1	2
Over-exertion	Muscle strains	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to ensure a thorough warm-up is carried out prior to the activity starting. 	3	1	3
Weather	Risk of sunburn, heat exhaustion and dehydration; or hyperthermia during activity	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure regular water breaks are taken. If it is hot, ensure participants wear sun cream and hats and there is a shaded area available. If it is cold, ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing to keep warm. 	3	1	3
Insufficient warm up	Muscle sprain or strain	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants must carry out a thorough and appropriate warm up prior to fencing. 	3	1	3

Lost Child	Lack of supervision leading to injuries	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During a signed in activity, the Generic Kids Club Operating Policy to be followed for signing in and out, and walkabouts. Staff member to carry out regular head counts and remain vigilant at all times. 	3	1	3
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