

Field Zorbing

Generic Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risk	Who is Affected?	Risk Before			Action Taken	Risk After		
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Sharp objects on surface	Injury due to zorb being damaged/popped e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to thoroughly check the activity area prior to the session starting and remove any sharp objects. Staff member to constantly risk assess the activity area during the session and remove any sharp objects. Staff member to ensure all participants empty their pockets prior to participating to avoid objects falling out of pockets and on to the activity surface. 	2	1	2
Faulty Equipment	Injury due to equipment breaking and hitting participant e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment should be checked by the staff member prior to and during the session. Land zorbs and pump should receive logged safety checks monthly in line with operating handbook. 	2	1	2
Equipment	Misuse of equipment leading to injuries due to being hit e.g. bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to brief participants on the correct usage of the equipment. Staff member should remain vigilant to ensure participants are using equipment as briefed. Participants to be adequately spaced out before using equipment. 	2	1	2
	Collisions causing bruises, cuts & abrasion	Team	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any equipment not in use should be removed from the activity area. 	2	1	2
Land Zorb	Land Zorb inadequately inflated leading to bruises	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to check land zorbs regularly to ensure they are adequately inflated (it needs to be 'squashy'). 	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 apart when activity takes place. • Staff member to ensure there is good participant control during the session. • Staff member to brief participants not to bump into unaware participants (if multiple zorbs are in use). • Staff member to brief participants to be aware and considerate of smaller participants. • Staff member to show waiting participants/spectators a safe area to watch from. • Staff member to brief participants to stay in designated area. • Staff member to remain vigilant and ensure participants are safe and comfortable within the harness at all times. • Staff member to remain vigilant. 	2	1	2
Spectators	Collisions with participants causing concussion, bruises or abrasions	Public	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff member to mark a designated area in which the land zorbs must stay. • Staff member to show spectators a safe area to watch from. • Staff member to brief participants to stay in designated area. 	2	1	2
Surfaces	Hard, uneven or slippery surfaces causing slips, trips and falls	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site specific risk assessment carried out to ensure the area is appropriate for the activity. • Area checked for hazards before session. Participants checked to ensure they are wearing suitable footwear. 	3	1	3
	Sloped surface leading to zorb rolling downhill and possibly colliding with obstacles	Participants	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity to be carried out on flat surface. • Participants to be briefed to stay in designated area. • Designated area to have an inner and outer barrier, and participants asked to stay in inner area (gap between inner and outer barrier acts as a buffer). 	4	1	4
Jewellery/Objects in Pockets	Injuries due to falling onto objects or entrapment of jewellery	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

Claustrophobia	Panic attack/ short breather due to participant panicking	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff member to brief participants on how to get out of the land zorb, and makes it clear that they can get out at anytime by either moving to the staff member or staying down. • Staff member to remain vigilant of participants wishing to stop the activity. • Staff member to be aware of signs participants may exhibit if they suffer from claustrophobia e.g. nervous on entry, unsure whether to participate, panic as they enter land zorb, sweating. 	2	1	2
Over-exertion/ Pre-existing medical conditions	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. • Staff member to brief participants on how to get out of the land zorb, and makes it clear that they can get out at anytime by either moving to the staff member or staying down. • Staff member to remain vigilant of participants looking tired and remove them from the land zorb as and when necessary. • Staff member to ensure participant has read and understands safety disclaimer before participating in field zorbing. • Staff member to double check if any pre-existing medical conditions are present before commencing. 	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 going in the land zorb. 	3	1	3