

Inflatable Canoe Games

Generic Risk Assessment



Hazard	Risk	Who is Affected?	Risk Before			Action Taken	Risk After		
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Faulty Equipment	Injury due to equipment breaking 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. Canoe equipment must receive logged safety checks monthly in line with safety check guidelines 	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
Safety equipment	Incorrectly fitted causing injuries/drowning	Team	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All PPE should be checked by the Staff Member prior to participants entering the water and must be constantly monitored. A trained lifeguard will be on duty at all times (a water competency trained staff member is sufficient where a pool has a water depth up to 1.5m). 	4	1	4
Equipment on pool side	Collisions causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member to check for any hazardous objects prior to the session and remove if necessary. 	3	1	3
Participants	Collisions with other participants causing concussion, bruises or abrasions	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member to ensure there is good participant control during the session. 	2	1	2

Participants	Participants pushed into pool leading to collisions; causing concussion, bruises and abrasions	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member to give a safety brief to include no pushing each other into the pool (Staff Member also must not push participants into the pool). 	3	1	3
Pool sides	Collisions causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants/canoes to be kept away from the pool sides by Staff Member. Participants to wear helmets at all times. 	3	1	3
Surfaces	Wet pool side causing slips, trips and falls	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member should brief the participants with the pool rules. This should include walking around pool sides. 	3	1	3
Water	Lack of supervision leading to drowning	Participants	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A trained lifeguard will be on duty at all times (a water competency trained staff member is sufficient where a pool has a water depth up to 1.5m). The following emergency equipment must be readily at hand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long pole Lifebuoy with attached rope (length to be at least half the width of the operating area) and/or throwing rope (length to be at least half the width of the operating area) Fully stocked first aid kit. Participants under 12 and any person from the age of 12 upwards who request them, must wear buoyancy aids whilst in the water. Staff Member must remain vigilant and maintain good participant control. 	4	1	4
Other water users	Collisions causing concussion, bruises or abrasions	Participants & Public	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity to be carried out in designated area away from any other water users. Operating area must be clearly roped off. Staff member must remain vigilant at all times 	2	1	2

Canoes	Lifting equipment leading to muscle strains or injuries due to being struck	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member to brief participants on correct use of equipment and lifting techniques. Staff Member to remain vigilant at all times. Staff member to ensure participants do not carry lots of equipment. 	3	1	3
	Launching and loading canoes causing bruises, cuts and abrasions from falling, contact with equipment and paddles	Team	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct technique for lifting to be demonstrated and monitored by the Staff Member. All participants to wear helmets. Participants under 12 and any person from the age of 12 upwards who request them, must wear buoyancy aids. 	3	1	3
Paddles	Bruises, cuts and abrasions due to being hit with paddle	Participants	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member to introduce paddles only when necessary in games. Participants to be briefed on correct use of equipment and Staff Member to remain vigilant at all times. 	2	1	2
Pool water	Cold temperature causing hyperthermia	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member to check pool is not too cold prior to session starting. Staff Member to remain vigilant throughout the session and remove participants from the pool if they are getting too cold. 	3	1	3
	Incorrect levels of chlorine causing infections/irritation	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotelier/site manager to ensure swimming pool water is being checked for chlorine levels and that the hotel has a system in place for monitoring this. 	3	1	3
Lane Ropes	Excess lane rope left on pool side leading to trips causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Participants & Public	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any excess lane rope must be neatly hidden away and left in the pool/gutters Lane ropes must be attached to an appropriate place inside the pool area and not on the pool edge to ensure that no hazards are created on the pool side. 	2	1	2
Pool bottom	Collisions with bottom of pool causing bruises, cuts and abrasions	Participants	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member to explain pool rules i.e. No jumping or diving. 	3	1	3

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
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