

RISK ASSESSMENT for OUTDOOR AREA

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For all outdoor areas we use for coaching and playing, including parks and private gardens, and designated football and other sport pitches. This includes all areas whether they be grass, astro-turf or concrete or any areas used for football and movement activities. Usually these activities are small-sided football games, they could also be any other football, multi-sport or movement activity. The equipment we use are typically footballs, bibs, different shaped cones, pop-up goals, static larger goalposts, sandbags, plyometric ladders, wobble boards, bats and tennis balls, and any other sport or play device that can used to teach football, multi-sport and movement activities.

| HAZARD | CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE | RISK Likelihood | RISK Severity | FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES |
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| 1. Fall due to slippery floor (and falls in general) | Children and families not to enter hall with wet shoes on. Drink bottles to be kept away from main playing area. Coaches to clean up spills as soon as they notice them. Coaches prevent activities from becoming out-of-control. | Medium | Medium | Further instruction to parents in newsletters for children not to enter hall with wet shoes and not to bring drinks into the playing area. Floors to be checked by coaches prior to start of session. |
| 2. Collision between players, and other impact injuries from tackles | Activities are carefully monitored by coaches. Area sizes for activities kept small to prevent children sprinting across large areas. Children aware of space around them, and activities stopped if they get too chaotic and unsafe. | High | Medium | All coaches to be briefed on the type of activity which causes most danger. |
| 3. Collision with equipment or benches, or falls over equipment or benches, or collision with wall | Coaches make children aware of the equipment, and of space that the activity takes place in. For older children and adult sessions, areas near the wall not to be used in opposed games. Coaches should not allow competitive play beyond a set boundary. Coaches ensure play areas for games are free of other equipment – especially bibs, balls and cones are removed from 1v1 or small-sided game areas. | Medium | Medium | All coaches to continue using equipment sensibly, and ensuring play areas are safe for children to play. |

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| <p>4. Being hit by a fast-moving ball (including parents and families on sidelines being hit)</p> | <p>Coaches run activities that minimise this risk by not allowing children to shoot at areas where children are playing.</p> | <p>High</p> | <p>Low</p> | <p>All coaches to continue running activities that prevent children blasting the ball around the hall while others are trying to play</p> |
| <p>5. Fire</p> | <p>Fire exits easily accessible, with wide spaces outside to use as a meeting place. Fire alarm in corridor. Register kept by lead coach and completed at start of each session.</p> | <p>Low</p> | <p>High</p> | <p>Children and families notified of procedure in case of fire – what to do, where to meet etc, Coaches must ensure fire doors are not blocked.</p> |
| <p>6. Medical conditions</p> | <p>Coaches to know of any specific medical conditions of children (eg asthma, epilepsy). Parents asked on enrolment forms to describe any known medical conditions.</p> | <p>Low</p> | <p>Medium (depending on medical condition)</p> | |
| <p>7. Physical injury during training (eg sprain or tear)</p> | <p>Coaches make sure all sessions begin with appropriate warm-up activities. FirstAid kit always available, and first-aid trained coaches on-site</p> | <p>Low</p> | <p>Medium</p> | |
| <p>8. Injury due to use of damaged equipment</p> | <p>All equipment checked by coach prior to activity. Vigilance maintained by coach to ensure equipment used in the correct way. Damaged or suspect equipment is reported to lead coach and withdrawn from use.</p> | <p>Low</p> | <p>Medium</p> | |
| <p>9. Projections from sports hall walls (e.g.</p> | <p>School caretaker to ensure all projections are fixed out of the way of play area,</p> | <p>Low</p> | <p>Medium</p> | |

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| cricket nets, curtains, fire door handles) | | | | |
| 10. Basketball apparatus on walls | School caretaker to ensure these apparatus are secure and out of the way of play area, | Low | Medium | |
| 11. Conduct of players | Coaches ensure players are not out-of-control. Report and act on any misbehaviour immediately. Send players who are tackling or playing in a dangerous way, out of the activity. | Medium | Medium | Parents reminded of expectations of behaviour at sessions, and asked to remind their children and support us to ensure safe and fair play. |
| 12. In appropriate footwear | Coaches ensure all players are wearing footwear appropriate for indoor football. | Low | Low | Parents reminded of expectations to wear footwear appropriate to indoor football |
| 13. Sideline spectator area cluttered with drink bottles, prams, bags, younger siblings etc – causing trip hazards during play | Coaches ensure the spectator area does not encroach into the play area. | Low | Low | |
| 14. Players with long hair or wearing jewellery | Coaches ensure any potentially dangerous jewellery is removed before play. Coaches ensure long hair is tied back. | Low | Medium | Parents to support us by not allowing players to wear jewellery to sessions, and by tying children's hair back. |
| 15. Building faults | Any concerns over building, lighting, ceiling, walling or defective equipment reported to lead coach immediately | Low | High | |

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| <p>16. "Stranger danger": The risk of unknown strangers on the premises</p> | <p>Parents sign players in and out on register so coaches and management always know which children and how many children are at sessions.</p> <p>Coaches confront any strangers or suspicious people.</p> <p>Parents to take children to toilets before session, so less need of toilet breaks during session. Children to be supervised by MoF Staff at toilet breaks,</p> | <p>Low</p> | <p>High</p> | <p>Parents to be vigilant, and report anything suspicious to coaches immediately.</p> |
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