

Scottish Canoe Association Polo Committee

RISK ASSESSMENT

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Effects of hazard scale:	3	MAJOR	e.g. Death or major injury
	2	SERIOUS	e.g. Injuries where people may be off work for more than three days
	1	SLIGHT	e.g. All other injuries including those where people are off work for up to three days

Likelihood of occurrence:	3	HIGH	e.g. Where it is certain or near certain that harm will occur
	2	MEDIUM	e.g. Where harm will occur frequently
	1	LOW	e.g. Where harm will seldom occur

Hazard	Effect of Hazard	Likelihood of occurrence	At Risk	Control Measures	Additional Controls Required
Physical Factors					
Drowning	3	1	All Participants	<p>Buoyancy aids are worn by everyone while on a game is being played.</p> <p>Buoyancy aids must meet the standard set out in the BC Rules 108.</p> <p>Referees to check Buoyancy aids are to visually check are worn correctly before the start of a game.</p> <p>Team Captains are to check BAs are correctly worn on all youth players and novice players before egress onto the water</p> <p>Adherence of BC canoe polo rules regarding a capsized player, see rule 60.</p>	
Heat Exhaustion	1	1	All Participants	<p>Team Captains and coaches will ensure appropriate clothing is worn when playing canoe polo.</p> <p>Team Captains and coaches will ensure all players drink enough water.</p>	
Carrying Boats	2	2	All Participants	All players will be reminded of safe carrying techniques at start of season.	
Capsized Player	3	3	All Participants	<p>Players will not obstruct capsized players, see rule 60.</p> <p>Players will follow instructions from Referee to help if instructed</p>	

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Physical Factors					
Head/facial injuries	3	2	All Participants	Helmets must be worn at all times during a game. All helmets must be fitted with a legal face guard, see rule 107. Referees to visually check all players are wearing a helmet. Team captains to ensure all helmets must be meet the standard set out in rule 106.	
Cuts / grazes	1	3	All Participants		
Shoulder dislocation	3	1	All Participants	Games are constantly under the observation of a referee. Teams are to be reminded of the importance of a warm-up at the beginning of the season Team Captains to ensure their teams is fully prepared before a game	

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Boat to Body contact	2	3	All Participants	<p>Canoeists are informed of the BC rules of canoe available through the SCA website</p> <p>Polo explicitly forbid boat to body contact, see rule 66.</p> <p>Team Captains to ensure only polo specific boats are used (foam ends)</p> <p>Referees to visually check all boats have legal bumpers, see rule 48.</p>	
Slips/Trips	2	2	All Participants Referee's Officials Members of public	<p>Appropriate footwear should be worn when refereeing.</p> <p>Safety check of the area to be used must be carried out prior to the start of the session.</p> <p>Equipment must be stacked aside when not in use. Paddles must be kept inside boats or removed from the ground.</p>	
Finger Injuries	1	2	All Participants	<p>Compliance of rule 50.4.</p> <p>Paddles must adhere to rule 104.</p> <p>Referees and team captains will ensure no inappropriate jewellery, wrist bands, locker keys, ear rings and bracelets are worn</p>	

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Flying Balls	1	3	All Participants Referee's Officials Members of public	Helmets and Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times during a game. Suitable equipment to be used by adherence to BC canoe polo rules, see rule 50.	

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General Risks					
Accident/Incident	2	3	All participants	Team Captains will keep records of player's emergency contacts and ensure they are brought to every tournament.	
Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults	3	2	Children Vulnerable Adults	Teams will abide by SCA Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults policy. A welfare officer will be appointed for every tournament, with the main role of ensuring the club abides by this policy. SCA Polo Committee will have a representative who has attended a Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop every 3 years (at least)	
Verbal abuse or physical attack	2	2	Referees Other officials All participants.	No verbal or physical abuse will be tolerated and should be immediately controlled by the officials. All incidents will be reported to an official Further action by the Canoe Polo Committee will be taken if necessary	
Fire or other serious incidents	3	2	All on site	Responsibility for evacuation will remain with the centre staff. All event organisers, participants, volunteers and spectators will follow their instructions.	

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Olympia Dundee Specific Risks					
Leisure Pool Users	2	3	General Public	A large net to be placed between goals and leisure pool.	
High Air Temperature	2	3	All participants	Teams to be reminded about the importance of staying hydrated at the start of the season. Water fountain is available pool side	

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Pinkston Watersport Centre and Lochore Meadows Specific Risks					
Poor Water Quality	2	1	All participants	<p>Visually check.</p> <p>PWC carries out regular water quality surveys, no canoe polo activity at Pinkston will take place when water quality fails to pass safeguarding tests.</p> <p>Team Captains and coaches will ensure all players cover open cuts and sores</p>	
Sunburn and Dehydration	1	2	All participants Officials Referees	<p>Shoulders to be covered as per rule 50.3</p> <p>Team Captains will ensure that players apply sun cream is regularly</p> <p>Team Captains will ensure all players drink enough water</p>	
Poor/Low Sunlight	2	3	All participants Officials Referees	Flood Lights will be used in all games after sunset.	
Hypothermia	2	2	All participants Officials Referees	<p>Referees must wear warm clothing/coat when refereeing in adverse weather</p> <p>Team Captains will ensure all players wear appropriate thermal and windproof clothing will be worn in adverse weather.</p> <p>Hot Drinks will be available if adverse weather.</p>	

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Lightning Strike	3	1	All participants Officials Referees	No one is permitted to be outside on the water during a lightning storm	
Spectators	3	1	Members of Public	Cones and tape to be used to visually highlight the edge of path	