

Scottish Canoe Association National Slalom Programme

2. Site Specific Risk Assessment

Location: Fairnilee

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Hazard (Step 1)	Who might be harmed? (Step 2)	How is the risk controlled? (Step 3 & 4)	Review & revision (Step 5)
Being hit by vehicle when crossing the road	Competitors, supporters and spectators	Competitors and supporters advised to be careful crossing the road, or watching from bridge. Warning signs obtained for each of the 3 roads approaching the Slalom Site.	April 2011
Slipping on rocks at lower water levels	Competitors, supporters and spectators	Take particular care at low water when rocks are greasy	April 2011
Entrapment on rocks	Competitors and coaches when on the water	Coaches set courses to ensure boats avoid rocks where possible When water levels are changing, ongoing assessment will be used and if necessary appropriate course adjustments will be made.	April 2011
Slipping on paths leading to river bank	Competitors, supporters and Spectators	Competitors, supporters advised to take care at appropriate areas.	April 2011
Walking into ropes, pullers etc	Competitors, supporters and Spectators	Ropes to be kept away from paths as much as possible, extra baler twine added where deemed necessary to enhance visibility.	April 2011
Rising water level	Competitors	Depending on the increase in water level a series of measures will be taken; additional throw lines distributed to judges; increase number of safety boats; increase number of competitors remaining on water at finish; remove gates from course; allow accompaniment of "nervous" paddlers; abandon second runs; abandon event.	April 2011
Head / other injuries to paddlers	Competitors and Coaches when on the water.	Instruct all paddlers to wear appropriate Helmets and buoyancy aids when on the water. First Aider to be identified at Control, contact number for and directions to B.G.H. to be made available if necessary.	April 2011