

TITLE/NUMBER	WEYR002	LOCATION: RUGBY
COMPLETED BY:	Martin Dodd updated by Jason Weston Grad IOSH	OTHER RELEVANT RISK ASSESSMENTS:
DATE COMPLETED	02/06/07	General Club risk assessment WEYR001
DATE REVIEWED	29/8/2010	

PROFORMA 3

Hazard Ref	Hazard Detail (Record details of what could cause injury or harm)	Who may be harmed & How? (Record details of all those at risk from the hazard and how they may become harmed)	Risk (Risk matrix refers) S x L	Control Measures (List all necessary control measures needed to reduce the risk to acceptable levels)	Responsible Person (Identify the appointment holder with responsibility for ensuring controls are in place)	Residual Risk (Risk matrix refers) S x L
1.	Housekeeping Untidiness trip/fire hazard	Falling or tripping over untidy areas including kit cupboard, with the potential to cause injury. Objects not put away causing fire hazards.	S4 x L3 12	Storage areas for players belonging in changing rooms, and space to safely and securely store equipment to be kept tidy. Maintaining all equipment, objects and personal possessions are stowed away in a safe manner at all times. Signs illustrating appropriate storage of equipment in the clubhouse and equipment storage areas, and better storage facilities for personal items	Committee members	S4 x L2 8
2.	Slip Trip/Fall Hazard	Slipping on the wet floor around the shower areas after practice and matches, into other items such as sinks, showers, and other people	S3 x L3 9	Making members aware at the start of each session the hazards involved in the dangerous wet areas of the facility Caution signs for the wet areas, grip on the shower floors and areas around the sinks	Club Officials	S3 x L2 6
3.	Uneven playing surfaces	Uneven playing surfaces causing trip/fall	S4 x L3 12	Pitches are maintained to a safe standard. Match officials and both Captains to agree to standard of playing area prior to commencement of game.	Match officials Club Captains	S4 x L2 8
4.	Playing Surface to hard/soft	Hard or soft playing surfaces could cause ankle and leg injuries for players, and could make both training and matches dangerous and unsafe	S4 x L3 12	The club is to maintain playing and training areas, checking the quality of the turf before stepping onto the pitch is essential. Avoid fixtures in unnecessary games in harsh conditions; cancel fixtures if ground is frozen during winter.	Match officials	S4 x L2 8
5.	Playing area/training pitches	Hard or sharp objects on the pitch causing injury	S3 x L3 9	Pitches checked by grounds man and captains before training and by referee on match days.	Club Officials	S3 x L2 6

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6.	Collision	Injury to persons participating in the activity, or spectators, including collision between players and/or goalposts	S4 x L3 12	Safe storage of objects and equipment, correct training in open space with limited equipment to cause injury, spectators standing a safe distance from the pitch, first aider on hand at all matches, First Aid kits for all teams, players aware of risk and educated to avoid. Provide first aid training for members of the squads, to enable them to provide basic assistance with minor injuries. Training in a safe manner with suitable coaching, in open, well lit areas, with guidance provided for all	Club Officials	S4 x L2 8
6.	Impact from sports equipment	Injury, particularly to necks, backs and shoulders from impacts.	S3 x L3 9	All contact equipment is padded, and all members of the club are instructed on how to properly contact training equipment as to avoid injury, particularly before using scrummage machine. High quality equipment, coupled with explicit demonstrations of how to correctly use all pieces of equipment, especially large, heavy and dangerous equipment such as the scrum machine	Club Officials	S3 x L2 6
7.	Contact sports injury	There is a chance of serious injury to all bodily parts from contact injury, increased in tackling and scrummage.	S3 x L4 12	The training provided is designed to improve our level of rugby in a safe manner, following international rugby standards. It is essential that all members of the club are coached correctly in the most important areas of contact, such as tackling and scrums, and players who are less confident are coached until they are fully ready to partake in the heavy contact sport of rugby. First aid is to be present at all matches, and First Aid kits are on hand throughout all training and matches	Club Officials	S3 x L2 6
8.	Personal Injury	Less severe injuries, more common to rugby, such as cuts and sprains, though this is increased due to contact-nature of sport.	S3 x L4 12	First Aid trained persons with first aid kits are to be present during matches, padded training equipment and clear, open, well lit spaces to play and train in, under the supervision of a qualified coach	Club Officials	S3 x L2 6
9.	Lack of Information, training and instruction	Lack of training	S3 x L3 9	Novice players are given instruction before playing. Inexperienced players are not permitted to play in the front row of the scrummage. Weekly coaching and training session should counteract this.	Club Officials	S3 x L2 6

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10.	Ignorance of rules or procedures	Presenting a danger to all members of the club by not properly adhering to the rules and procedures laid out by the club, accidentally or intentionally particularly through inappropriate tackling techniques.	S4 x L4 16	Fully explaining all rules, procedures and practices to all members of the club under qualified supervision. Members of the club who do not adhere to these and are deemed to be putting others in danger are not included in all activities. Fully qualified RFU referee used.	Club Officials	S4 x L2 8
11.	Unsafe behaviour or attitude	Unsafe behaviour/attitude Lack of discipline	S4 x L4 16	Team captains are to maintain appropriate discipline	Team Captains Match officials	S4 x L2 8
12.	Individual Capabilities	Medical conditions of players Low level of fitness	S4 x L4 16	Captains are made aware of potential health threatening conditions and potential problems. Management as appropriate, captain to be aware of player's capabilities. Players are considered responsible for their own fitness	Team Captains	S4 x L2 8
13.	Skill levels, mixed ability training sessions	Exclusion of members during some activities as they are not deemed 'good enough' to participate. Injuries to members of the club, differing skill levels	S4 x L4 16	The club must maintain a policy of always training at the level of the least able member of the club, to include all members in all activities. Training can be tiered or appropriately balanced. Splitting group activities, separating training for different squads, to enable all members to progress in a safe manner, whilst enjoying the game of rugby	Club Coach	S4 x L2 8
14.	Aggressive Behaviour	Injury to players, spectators and officials. Potential for violence and fighting, aggression between participants may result in fighting on pitch. Aggression from crowd	S4 x L4 16	The rules of the game do not allow for violence and aggression, and so match officials deal with high levels of aggression throughout matches. There is always potential for injuries through aggression, and all members of the club are warned that violence is unacceptable, dangerous, and not in the interest of the club or of the game of rugby. Presence of RFU referee. Supporters are to be kept away from the edge of the playing area	Team Captains Match officials Club Officials	S4 x L2 8

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15.	Transport	Participants in away games Road traffic accidents	S4 x L4 16	Players are responsible for their own transport – be safe whilst travelling.	Club Officials	S4 x L2 8
16	Mini & Youth	Children involved in rugby training and matches	S4 x L4 16	16 (a). All training sessions are taken by coaches who have completed "rugby ready" as a minimum. 16 (b). All training and matches carried out in accordance with RFU rules. 16 (c). Club has Safeguarding Officer 16 (d) All mini & youth coaches and team managers have been CRB checked.		S4 x L1 4

Signature of Committee Member responsible for safety

Name: Jason Weston

Date: August 2010

Signature of nominated club official

Name: Chris Davis

Date: August 2010

Notes:

1. This risk assessment was updated by Jason Weston Grad IOSH. The committee has the ultimate responsibility for the implementation of the suggested control measures and compliance with Health and Safety regulations. The committee member deemed responsible for safety will ensure that to the best of their ability all of the control measures will be put in place. Where the suggested control measures cannot be upheld a note on this risk assessment shall be made with suitable corrective actions.
2. If further hazards are noted, which require additional control measures, these should be listed on an Action Plan, and the Club Officials are to ensure that appropriate actions are carried out.
3. This risk assessment covers the game/training and its activities
4. This assessment covers matches, therefore adequate lighting should be provided
5. The onus is on the committee members to ensure safe practices are maintained whilst games are in progress.