

## Venue / Activity / Group Specific Risk Assessment COVID-19

Designated Coach(es) / Centre / Club Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club & Frome Canoe Club

Specified nature of paddlesport activity and environment/venue Langham Farm WWR 2022

Session Aims and Objectives WWR Regional Sprint Race

| 1. Significant hazards and identification of risks<br><i>See overleaf – add any hazards peculiar to the specified session, activity or group</i> | 2. Those who might be harmed<br><i>Number and age of the participants. Number of coaches/leaders. Any others at risk.</i> | 3. Control measures  | 4. Residual risk rating<br><i>must be low otherwise reassess controls</i> |
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| Personal injury whilst carrying canoes   | All, particularly smaller paddlers  | Organiser/ Starter to advise two per canoe where appropriate.  | Low   |
| Slips and trips. Location of boats near Start area.  | All   | Sign to state no boats to be left on the weir. Rope fence to be installed along top of course in front of which boats are not to be left. Both to be reinforced at regular intervals through PA.                                       | Low   |
| Unable to exit canoe on capsize  | Young/inexperienced paddlers  | Where a neoprene or other potentially tight spraydeck is used, Starter to check that paddler can release it, or advise on alternative spraydeck.   | Low   |
| Drowning   | All   | All participants must wear an approved buoyancy jacket. Starter to ensure correctly fitted.  | Low   |
| Head injury  | All   | All participants must wear an approved crash helmet. Starter to ensure correctly fitted.   | Low   |
| Damage to feet from sharp objects in river and river bank  | All   | Starter to ensure appropriate footwear to be worn.   | Low   |
| Hypothermia  | All, particularly young paddlers  | During periods of bad weather – heavy rain / wind, monitor for inappropriately dressed competitors, and advise parent / coach as necessary, either through personal contact or through PA system. Hot drinks available on site         | Low   |
| Medical incident   | All   | A designated First Aider is identified at Control.<br>There is emergency vehicle access.   | Low   |
| High water   | Inexperienced paddlers  | In high water flows position competent adult at bridge prepared to rescue a capsize or pin. Organiser to review daily or in anticipation of river level change.<br>In higher flows Organiser to consider postponement or cancellation. | Low   |
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| <b>Covid 19 Measures</b>  |                          |  |     |
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| Group size management     | All                      | Display Clear signage reminding the need for social distancing and staying in group sizes allowable by current BC guidance. People have been asked to travel with minimum amount of non paddlers as possible.  | low |
| Toilet Facilities         | All                      | On Site Toilet facilities to be equipped with hand sanitizer with signage reminding people to use on entry to the facility. Hand cleaning facilities provided as per next point. Facilities to be thoroughly every 2 hours to ensure maximum cleanliness | low |
| Hand Cleaning facilities  | All                      | Hot water and soap hand cleaning facilities placed outside of toilet facilities  | low |
| Kit Cross contamination   | Paddlers / support staff | Kit dunking buckets to be placed for any shared kit and bibs to be cleaned in. Sprayer with disinfectant to be placed for shared boats   | low |
| Touch point contamination | All                      | By all common touch points hand sanitiser to be placed with signage to remind people to sanitise hands before and after use  | low |
| On Water Safety           | All                      | Safety staff to be reminded that in the event of capsize paddler to be encouraged to swim with boat to a bank where possible to avoid close contact and only if in no danger   | low |
| First Aid Incidents       | All                      | First aider to be provided with PPE including gloves, disposable aprons, Face shield. Resuscitation masks to be provided to First aider and on water safety staff in case of need for resuscitation.   | low |
| On Site Parking           | All                      | Due to people changing and eating around there vehicles more space will be left around vehicles in order to aid in social distancing   | low |

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5. Risks not adequately controlled and the action to take when practicable to do more None

6. Procedure for risk assessment review (eg any special briefings?) Review at event After Action Review

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