

Venue / Activity / Group Specific Risk Assessment COVID-19

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

Specified nature of paddlesport activity and environment/venue River Avon, Melksham

Session Aims and Objectives WWR Sprint Race

1. Significant hazards and identification of risks <i>See overleaf – add any hazards peculiar to the specified session, activity or group</i>	2. Those who might be harmed <i>Number and age of the participants. Number of coaches/leaders. Any others at risk.</i>	3. Control measures	4. Residual risk rating <i>must be low otherwise reassess controls</i>
Personal injury whilst carrying canoes	All, particularly smaller paddlers	Race officials to advise two per boat where appropriate.	Low
Slips and trips. Location of boats near clubhouse.	All	Mats to be put out on grass area if conditions are wet, muddy or icy. Competitors to be advised when signing in to take care.	Low
Unable to exit canoe on capsize	Young/inexperienced paddlers	Where a neoprene or other potentially tight spraydeck is used, race officials to check that paddler can release it, or advise on alternative spraydeck.	Low
Drowning	All	All participants must wear an approved buoyancy jacket. Race officials to ensure correctly fitted.	Low
Head injury	All	All participants must wear an approved crash helmet. Race officials to ensure correctly fitted.	Low
Damage to feet from sharp objects in river and river bank	All	Race officials to ensure appropriate footwear to be worn.	Low
Hypothermia	All, particularly young paddlers	Heated building at finish with hot showers. Hot drinks will be available. Club cags to be made available to competitors.	Low
Medical incident	All	A designated First Aider is identified at Control. First aid kits located in clubhouse. There is emergency vehicle access.	Low
Entrapment on trees / bridge pillars	Inexperienced paddlers	Course start point to be determined on the day based on review of prevailing conditions. Low overhanging branches to be cleared in advance of race. Safety to be positioned appropriately at critical points	Low
Entrapment weir stopper	All	Weir 100m downstream from the club/finish line may pose a hazard at high river levels. Safety to be positioned at the club to ensure paddlers to not proceed downstream. Risk is low as there is sufficient access to river bank between club and weir.	Low

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Covid 19 Measures	<i>Exact measures to be reviewed on day based on latest guidelines</i>		
Group size management	All	Display Clear signage reminding the need for social distancing and staying in group sizes allowable by current BC guidance.	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.	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

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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

Completed by Alex Edwards

Signed Alex Edwards

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