

Venue / Activity / Group Specific Risk Assessment

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

Specified nature of paddlesport activity and environment/venue Langham Farm WWR 2024

Session Aims and Objectives WWR Regional 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 boats	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 boat 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 helmet. Starter to ensure correctly fitted. SUP Paddlers to be made aware of the specific risks at sign on for race.	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. 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. In higher flows Organiser to consider postponement or cancellation.	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

Completed by Alex Edwards Signed Alex Edwards Date 14/11/2023

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