GB Wild Water Racing
Event Specific Risk Assessment: Great Britain Wild Water Racing Development Camp, Juniors, South Wales Based

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Description of assessment	Wild Water Event Specific Risk Assessment: National Training Camp 5th - 6th December 2026 – GB team standard paddler
Organisers and Experience	The event is organised by the WWR Committee. The lead organiser on behalf of the WWRC is Jamie Christie. The event organising team comprises Jamie Christie, Current White-Water Coach with 40 years paddling experience and 20 years' experience running canoeing competitions, Nicky Cresser Current White-Water Coach with 30 years paddling experience and 10 years' experience running canoeing competitions
Event Safety Officer	Jamie Christie, last event Safety course completed January 2025
Safeguarding	Helen Christie is a retired primary school teacher and has completed the PUK Safeguarding training courses as identified and a Scouting Safeguarding course that is accepted by Paddle UK.

Location Details	**The weekend will run from multiple venues** *The Weekends exact schedule will be confirmed in the week leading up to the event to take into account weather and optimal training options* **River Wye** Using the section between **Builth Wells** (Parking – Grid ref SO 041 511) to **Boughrood** (Parking - Grid ref SO 129 384) and **Erwood** (Parking – Grid ref SO 106 428) to **Boughrood** (Parking - Grid ref SO 129 384). Features include grade 2-3 rapids of shallow rocky rapids. **River Usk** Using the section between (Start - Grid ref SO 123 234) **Talybont-on-Usk** to **Crickhowell** (Finish Grid ref SO 213 181). Features include grade 2-3 with pool drop and shallow rocky rapids.
Safety Plan	Safety cover will be supported by coaches and paddlers. All paddlers are of moderate to high competency standards

	The nominated first aiders will be Jamie Christie, Billy Blackman and Nicky Cresser
Emergency Plan	**In the Event of an Emergency or suspected emergency the organisers should be notified and the emergency services called.**
Welfare and Safeguarding Plan	The event adopts the Paddle UK policy for welfare and safeguarding, in the event of a suspected incident the organisers should be notified, and the emergency services will be contacted if required.
Evacuation Plan	**CHECK event specific Site Rules**
Incident reporting	Following any Safety, Emergency, Safeguarding or evacuation incident a Paddle UK incident form shall be submitted as a record of the situation.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
Lack of Paddler Competence	Paddlers	All entrants or person in “loco Parentis” must complete a separate WWR entry form stating the paddler is competent and fit to race the WWR race on the conditions and distance etc. on the day. Paddlers are solely responsible for their own competence, medical fitness, endurance to complete the race and issues and welfare undertaking the race in the conditions present on the day. All Paddlers and parents must follow instructions and comply with any safety, plans and directions from the organisers. It is their responsibility to acquaint themselves with this. Event description clearly describes the severity of course, and the fact that paddlers need to be self-supporting on the river section.	Any new competitors to the race are asked to come and speak to the organisers immediately after the briefing A briefing will take place prior to each on water session.	Event Organiser and competitor Event Organiser Safety lead	At the briefing Before start During event	
Missing Paddler(s) & or Children	Paddlers	All paddlers will be allocated to a on water coach and named group of paddlers. Group lists will be organised as per the current rolling ranking system, competency, boat type and current fitness level. Paddlers will be briefed on ensuring they do not leave the paddling area without reporting to coach. As per WWR rules, each competitor must wait on the water at the finish for the next 2 competitors to finish before leaving the water. Or members of the paddler assigned group.	Coaching team to be in contact throughout the event to ensure that all expected paddlers are accounted for. Paddlers briefed as to their responsibility to others throughout the event. Paddlers/parents briefed on recommendation that no paddler under 16 should be allowed to move around the Venue for any reason e.g. taking canoes to the river, going to the toilets etc., on their own (nor be left on their own).	Event Organiser Start and Finish Team	On the day During event	
Injury to Non-Pad-	Public Event Team	First Aider is available	Paddlers briefed: • not to block foot-	Event Organiser Paddlers	On the day	

dlers and Members of the Public	Spectators		paths • take care when they move boats and equipment around the site. • boats to be secured in windy weather. Event First Aid Cover in place for the event			
Moving Water	Paddlers Event Safety Team Starter Spectators	All WWR paddlers or officials getting on the water MUST wear a buoyancy aid and helmet. It is recommended officials doing start and finish and parents, spectators etc., if on the bank and potentially prepared to intervene in a rescue wear a buoyancy aid. Any competitor coming across another competitor in trouble must stop and give assistance. As per WWR rules, each competitor must wait on the water at the finish for the next 2 competitors to finish before leaving the water. The final 2 competitors must wait until the finisher tells them they can get off the water.	Paddler safety to be discussed at the briefing Only paddlers, officials, water safety personnel and designated photographers are permitted over the barrier at the WWC. Anyone else is encouraged to vacate the area. Anyone inside the barrier at the WWC must wear a Buoyancy Aid/Life Jacket and have received a safety briefing. Competent water safety team* on hand on WWC to rescue from the water where necessary.* (See Safety Plan section at start of document for specific details)	Safety Lead Safety Lead Safety Lead Safety Lead	On the day On the day On the day On the day	
Drowning	Paddlers	All paddlers are required to wear and approved buoyancy aid, each paddler is responsible for ensuring the buoyancy aid is in good condition and suitable for the event. Any competitor coming across another competitor in trouble must stop and give assistance.	Reminder given at the race briefing	Event Organiser	On the Day	
Head Injury	Paddlers Organisers Safety Team	Helmets are mandatory at this event. Paddle UK Head Injury Guidance to be followed Event has an Emergency Plan to be followed, including evacuation procedures	Event First Aid Cover in place for the event Safety Team briefed on Head Injury Protocol and how to inform race control Event First Aid Cover in place for the event*** (See Safety Plan section for specific details)	Event Organiser Safety Lead	On the Day On the Day	
Injury - body, inc manual handling	Paddlers Event Team	All WWR canoes and Kayaks must comply with the current WWR safety rules Volunteers and Safety Team briefed on Manual Handling	Event First Aid Cover in place for the event	Safety Lead & First Aider	On the day	
Slips and Trips	Paddlers Event Team	The River Usk and Wye is open access river to the public, normal care should be taken	Paddlers & Volunteers briefed to take care getting in and out of river due to	Event Organiser/ First Aider	On the day	

	Spectators	Public.	slippery banks Named First Aider will provide Cover for the event/weekend	Paddlers & volunteers		
Entrapment or injury from hazards on the course - Trees - Boats - damaged WWC - Throwlines	Paddlers Event Team	The river is a natural water course which is lined by trees, bushes and other plants, under normal river conditions these pose little risk. As the river level increases, and the flow increases, and the risk of a paddler or swimmer being inadvertently pushed into a tree or bush and becoming entrapped increases. Paddlers are able to exit their boat easily where straps are used (C1&C2) Paddlesafer guidance will be followed Event has an Emergency Plan to be followed	River conditions are assessed on the day, and competitors are advised of any specific risks at the briefing. If necessary, an alternative race-course will be used. Course recce and course walk completed prior to event to identify additional risks Paddlers briefed: • DO NOT cut over chains or ropes from moored boats • Take care to avoid overhanging trees on the river The bank-side team will be on hand to help anyone out of the water.	Event Organiser Event Organiser Event Organiser Event Organiser Safety Lead	On the day On the day On the day On the day On the day	
Poor Water Quality	Paddlers Event Team	Local river monitoring through the environment agency monitors water quality & will close course if levels are exceeded or make additional mitigation recommendations Event has an Emergency Plan to be followed, including evacuation procedures	Review water quality to prepare additional mitigations if required Paddlers briefed to wash hands and shower after being on and around the water and if it is preferred, to drink Coke	Event organiser Event organiser	Before event At the Briefing	