

GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

Upper 'Skyline' Ropes Course

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre

Date of Assessment 9/6/14

Date of Issue 9 June 2014

Assessment carried out by

Don Smith

Signature

Reviews

Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
			Y	N
Nov/Dec 2021	IW,PV,GN,DH	10/11/21		N
November	Rory Sellar	9/11/16	Y	
November 2017	Rory Sellar	13/11/17		N
November 2018	Paul Vardy	14/11/18	Y	
October 2019	Paul Vardy	21/10/19	Y	
Dec 2021	Paul Vardy	04/12/20	Y	

Affected persons:

Young People/Clients

Staff

Visitors

Contractor

Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:

Ian Price

Signature:

The following sections should be completed by all staff who need to be made aware of and abide by the findings of the Risk Assessment. NB: If, as a result of a review, changes are made to the Risk Assessment the relevant box on the attached page should be completed as appropriate by the staff concerned.

RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Inappropriate behaviour</p> <p>Illness</p> <p>Injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management. • Staff vigilance • Group briefing and management. • Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity. • Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. • Instructor must hold a current first aid certificate. • Group briefing on spacing on elements, and how some items will swing about. • Group briefing on specific hazards for each element. • Group size and ratios suitable for conditions and abilities. • Regular inspection of all equipment undertaken. • Removal from use of unsafe or defective equipment. • Removal of jewellery and securing of loose clothing. • Tying back of long hair. • Set appropriate height limits on the lower course • Zipline • Instructor to ensure runway is clear and tail rope is free of entanglement • Back up carabiner to be clipped in on 	X	Instructor leading the session, with support from visiting staff when present.	<p>Instructor to be aware of all groups on site during session</p> <p>Those with known allergies/conditions to have access to own Inhaler, adrenalin auto injector or appropriate medication</p> <p>First aid kit to be accessible during session</p> <p>Note; draw attention to weight of yellow metal rings section</p> <p>Rescue kit must be accessible by the instructor while on the platform during the activity</p> <p>Visiting staff and YP briefed on lowering procedure from the zipwire</p>		

<p>Falling/slipping.</p>	<p>return of zipwire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must hold a relevant NGB or site specific accreditation. They must be aware of and comply with the centre operating procedures. • Group briefing before session. • All Ropes course areas to be signed with appropriate warnings to the public. Skyline Ramp to be locked when not in use. • Briefing of group on attachment of lanyards and transfer across elements on lower section. • Ability of group taken into account. • Appropriate footwear worn. • Attention of group drawn to specific hazards on each element. • Appropriate PPE to be worn by all participants. • Any person on the platform must be attached to a lanyard and anchor point. • Helmets to be worn by all group members. • Use of chains to limit access to the course and protect drops. 		<p>Participants briefed about not going further than the top of the ramp until attached</p> <p>Group attached with Carabiners which need a tool to open.</p>	
<p>Extremes of temperature, weather; lightning strike.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account. • Activity adapted or abandoned where appropriate. • Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored. • Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups. • Individuals' kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing and equipment. 		<p>Activity abandoned if there is a threat of lightning.</p>	

<p>Choking</p> <p>Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable emergency/rescue equipment accessible. • Group briefed to remove chewing gum/other food before session. • Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area on site and engage with the activity. 		<p>A discussion with the participant along with visiting staff/carers should be had to decide on the most appropriate way to access the site. Or whether a more accessible location is used.</p> <p>Additional staff may be required.</p> <p>Additional time may need to be factored into the session.</p> <p>Handling belts may be used to assist less ambulant users</p> <p>Less mobile visitors may be more sensitive to environmental conditions and need closer supervision</p> <p>For visitors with disabilities a discussion with the participant along with visiting staff/carer should be had to ensure the most appropriate PPE is worn.</p> <p>Hoisting system should be releasable.</p>		
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