

**GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:**

Obstacle Courses and Lower Skyline

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre

Date of Assessment	7/10/13	Date of Issue	1 January 2014
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Assessment  
carried out by

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Signature

**Reviews**

Review Date	Reviewed by	Date	Changes Made	
			Y	N
Nov/Dec 2021	IW,GN,DH,PV	10/11/21	Y	
Nov 2022	IW/GN/PV	3/11/22	Y	
Nov 23	IW/GN/DH/PV	14/11/23		N
Dec 2024	IW GN	4/12/24	Y	
Mar 2019	PV	18/12/19	Y	
Dec 2020	GN	24/11/20	Y	

Affected persons:

Young People/Clients ☒

Staff ☒

Visitors ☒

Contractor ☐

Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:

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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
<b>Falling/slipping.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructors must hold a site-specific accreditation.</li> <li>Briefing of group.</li> <li>Ability of group taken into account.</li> <li>Appropriate footwear worn.</li> <li>Attention of group drawn to specific hazards on each element.</li> <li>Height limit imposed on relevant elements, no-one to access top of 'Car Wash' or traversing wall.</li> <li>Specific Zipwire briefing. To include height of legs and crossing feet together. What will happen when brake mechanism kicks in</li> <li>Be aware of other users (orienteers) crossing zip wire path. Check runway is clear</li> </ul>		Instructor leading the session	<p>All elements to be checked prior to use for slippery surfaces</p> <p>Specific brief about additional care and not running around the wires on the challenge course and Lower skyline</p> <p>On the Zip Wire element; Instructor to release group members from below 'take off platform' where appropriate.</p>		
<b>Injury.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre use inspection of the course.</li> <li>Instructor must hold a current first aid certificate.</li> <li>Group briefing on helpers and support of other group members that are supporting the climber/participant.</li> <li>Group briefed on the hazards posed by rabbit holes.</li> </ul>			<p>Slippery surfaces explain Challenge by choice</p> <p>The helper should not hold on to the participant. A demonstration should be shown to the group on what they should be doing and where the helper should be.</p>		

**Extremes of weather.**

**Illness.**

- First aid kit to be accessible.
  - Group size and ratios suitable for conditions and abilities.
  - Helmets to be worn by Instructors, visiting staff and all participants.
  - Regular & pre-use internal inspection of all equipment undertaken.
  - Annual external inspection
  - Jewellery, scarfs and name badges to be removed on activity.
  - Removal from use of unsafe or defective equipment.
  - Group briefed about possible areas of finger entrapment.
  - Group informed about the possibility of falling against wires and how to manage this.
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- Weather forecast obtained
  - Activity adapted where appropriate.
  - Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored.
  - Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups.
  - Individuals' reminded of adequate clothing and equipment.
  - Suitable emergency equipment accessible.
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- Information about existing medical conditions known by staff.

To be reinforced in safety brief

Appropriate footwear worn; participants briefed on lower skyline about where their helpers need to stand in relation to wire platform supports

Skyline not to be used during electrical storms.

Those with known allergies/conditions to have access to own Inhaler, Auto Injector Pens or appropriate medication.

<p><b>Inappropriate behaviour.</b></p> <p><b>Safeguarding.</b></p> <p><b>Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group briefing and management.</li><li>• Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity.</li><li>• Group briefing and management.</li><li>• Staff vigilance.</li><li>• Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area on site and engage with the activity.</li></ul>			<p>Instructor to be aware of other site users during the session.</p> <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.</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>		
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