

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	
16/12/25	PV/IW/DH	16/12/25	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:

IP

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
Falling/slipping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors must hold a site-specific accreditation. Briefing of group. Ability of group taken into account. Appropriate footwear worn. Attention of group drawn to specific hazards on each element. Height limit imposed on relevant elements, no-one to access top of 'Car Wash' or traversing wall. Specific Zipwire briefing. To include height of legs and crossing feet together. What will happen when the spring kicks in Be aware of other users (orienteers) crossing zip wire path. Check runway is clear 		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>		
Injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre use inspection of the course. Instructor must hold a current first aid certificate. Group briefing on helpers and support of other group members that are supporting the climber/participant. Group briefed on the hazards posed by rabbit holes. First aid kit to be accessible. Group size and ratios suitable for 			<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>		

	<p>conditions and abilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			<p>To be reinforced in safety brief</p>		
Extremes of weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			<p>Appropriate footwear worn; participants briefed on lower skyline about where their helpers need to stand in relation to wire platform supports</p> <p>Skyline not to be used during electrical storms.</p>		
Illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. 			<p>Those with known allergies/conditions to have access to own Inhaler, Auto Injector Pens or appropriate medication.</p>		
Inappropriate behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefing and management. • Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension 					

<p>Safeguarding.</p> <p>Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability</p>	<p>of activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group briefing and management.• Staff vigilance.• 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>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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