

## 19/09/2015 Havelock Academy

## **Risk Assessment for Orienteering**

Risk assessments are concerned with identifying the hazards (i.e. things which might go wrong or cause an accident/injury), evaluating the likelihood of a particular event occurring (i.e. level of risk) and putting measures in place needed to reduce or eliminate the risk.

Name of Club / satellite club name / after school club			Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers	
Name of person completing this form		B Slater	Position of person completing this form (coach, organiser etc)	Organiser
Venue for session / event / activity		Havelock Academy, Grimsby	Date for session / event / activity	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2015
Name of person in charge of session / event / activity		B Slater (Day organiser)		
Risk assessment signed	B Slater		Risk assessment dated	19/09/2015
Risk assessment checked by (name, position and date)	Print name & position (coach mentor, controller etc):		Controller Brian Slater	
	Sign and d	ate: 19/09/2015		

**Emergency Information : Local Police informed of Event (Freshney Community Police Station, Cromwell Road, Grimsby)** 

Emergency access point (for emergency vehicles)	Post code / grid reference: Hollyoak Rd., Carr Lane, Grimsby (also registration point)	Place from which signed: Carr Lane, Grimsby
Nearest A&E hospital:	Name and Post code: Grimsby DN33 2BA (Scartho Road) 01472- 874111	Map available (where): With organiser at Registration
Working telephone:	Landline or mobile: If mobile (reception checked?) Mobile reception available	Number: 07751 481332 (B Slater mobile)
First Aid cover	Name of first aider: Brian Slater	Located where? Registration

## The Risk Assessment (19/09/2015 Havelock)

It is essential that the mitigation column is completed in detail so that the control measures and who is responsible is fully understood in advance of the activity / session / event and that all staff / helpers are fully briefed.

NB: it is not sufficient only to put warnings in preliminary information as there is no way of being sure that all participants will have read them.

Hazard – note under these headings (see suggested examples to consider)	Possible outcome / injury including note on severity and likelihood of occurrence	<ul><li>Mitigation</li><li>What control measure?</li><li>Who is responsible?</li></ul>
In area to be used (indoor / outdoor): Outdoors Traffic	Low risk – medium/high severity	All courses will cross roads/car park, competitors to be warned. Short Course on paths and open area.
Uneven surfaces on the course	Low risk – low/medium severity	Competitors aware – all events have uneven surfaces
Undergrowth/tree branches	Low risk – low/medium severity	Competitors aware – not a significant issue.
Slippery surfaces	Low risk – low/medium severity	Warnings to participants about slippery ground if required.
Participants Clothing/shoes/equipment	Low risk - low severity	Competitors checked by Starter that they are correctly equipped. (Advised to wear reflective clothing and take head torches if
Unexpected reactions/allergies	Low risk - low severity	First Aid Kit at registration, phone ambulance if required.
Competitors not returning	Low risk - high severity	Register maintained of starters, search procedure implemented if required.

Other people/activities in area		
Pedestrians/dog walkers/cyclists, etc	Low risk - low severity	Competitors to be warned to take care running round corners, etc.  To be advised to look up frequently to avoid traffic and other collisions.
Stranger Danger	Low risk – high severity	Competitors should give way to other users of footpaths and covered walkways etc.
		Perimeter fence – 1 access point only
Weather		
If Darkness is looming	Low risk - low severity	Competitors are advised to have head torches.
Bad weather (wet/cold)	Medium risk - medium severity	Check clothing is appropriate for weather. (Starter) Cancel event if conditions poor.
Heat	Low risk - medium severity	Advise participants to be hydrated. (Organiser)
Equipment		
Computer equipment	Low risk - low/medium severity	Cabling to be kept tidy, all connections to be secure.

## Examples of hazards with the potential to cause harm

NB: this list is not exhaustive; nor will all these be present. It is given as an aid to the person completing the risk assessment.

Area to be used: Indoors	Area to be used: Outdoors	Equipment:
<ul> <li>Floor surface</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uneven surfaces</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pencils in hand when running</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Other equipment/obstacles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Slopes/steps</li> </ul>	Pin punches
<ul> <li>Shared use (dining room / other</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Slippery surfaces</li> </ul>	Cane tops
activities)	<ul> <li>Tree roots/branches</li> </ul>	Tent guys
	<ul> <li>Vegetation (prickly, stinging)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Electrical equipment – cables</li> </ul>
	Wire / ruined fences	Generators
	<ul> <li>Walls to be climbed</li> </ul>	Cooking equipment
	<ul> <li>Litter (glass, used needles)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Water (streams, rivers, ponds)</li> </ul>	
	Cliffs / crags	
	<ul> <li>Traffic (including road crossings)</li> </ul>	
	Rail / tram lines	
	<ul> <li>Mineshafts / caves</li> </ul>	
	Military debris	
Participants:	Other people / activities in area:	Weather:
Clothing / shoes	<ul> <li>Walking dogs</li> </ul>	Cold / heat
<ul> <li>Existing medical conditions</li> </ul>	Cyclists	Rain / snow / hail
<ul> <li>Unexpected reactions/allergies</li> </ul>	Horse riders	Excessive wind
<ul> <li>Disorientation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Forestry operations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lightning</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Tiredness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Park maintenance</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Shooting / archery</li> </ul>	
	Golf	
	Stranger danger	