



# Quidditch Risk Assessment

<b>Club/Society Name:</b>	Quidditch Club	<b>Assessor(s) Name:</b>	Lucie Gwilt
<b>Brief Description of Activity:</b>	<p>Quidditch is a sport of two teams of seven players each mounted on broomsticks played on a hockey-sized pitch. There are three chasers, one keeper, a seeker and two beaters. The aim of the game is to either win by scoring the most goals through the hoop using a quaffle (ball) or by the seeker finding the snitch. As a club we train twice per week, play competition fixtures once per month and also go out on weekly socials.</p>	<b>Location of activity:</b>	Training sessions on the Sports Centre 3G and Socials at various pubs in Aberystwyth town
		<b>Date and Time of activity:</b>	Training sessions are every Tuesday 7-8pm and Saturday 3-4pm. Inter-university competitions are played monthly on weekends and held centrally in Birmingham. Socials are held every Wednesday starting at 8pm.

<b>Hazard:</b>	<b>Persons at Risk:</b>	<b>Risk Factor:</b>			<b>Control Measures Required:</b>	<b>Residual Risk:</b>		
List what could cause harm from this activity, use appendix A to assist in identifying hazards	List who might be harmed e.g. Staff, students, visitors	For each hazard, decide level of risk as if you were to do the activity without controls			For each hazard, list the measures you will be taking to minimise the risk identified, e.g. appointing competent persons, training received, planning and try-outs, use of personal protective equipment	For each hazard now decide the residual risk after the control measures are in place		
		Severity	Likelihood	Risk		Severity	Likelihood	Risk
<b>Activity Specific, e.g. Training sessions, competitive fixtures</b>								
Dehydration	Students	3	3	9	Prior to any activity, explain to all members the importance of keeping hydrated. Free water dispenser onsite. Send regular reminders to members to make sure they bring water bottles to training and competitions	3	1	3
Muscle strain	Students	3	3	9	Ensure all members present understand the importance of stretching before and after exercise. Allow warm up time for all participants prior to the activity starting, plus cool down time following their activity. Ensure that rest time is	3	2	6




					given to members where needed. Committee first aider to be present at all times as well as Sports Centre staff members on reception.			
Trip hazard	Students, SC staff	3	3	9	Ensure area is completely cleared of unnecessary objects or equipment prior to allowing anyone into the area. Whilst games are being played, all non-playing members to stay away from designated playing area. Ensure that all members are aware of safety rules, and are wearing appropriate footwear.	3	2	6
Slippery surface	Students	3	3	9	Check weather forecast prior to sessions; Sports Centre to call off if dangerous however 3G surface is generally suitable for all-weather. Inspect surface prior to activity. Ensure that all members are wearing appropriate footwear and clothing at all times.	3	2	6
Physical fatigue	Students	3	3	9	Committee members to monitor condition of members ensuring they take adequate breaks when necessary. First aid trained member at every session, as well as Sports Centre staff members on reception.	2	2	4
Injury through contact nature of sport	Students	4	3	12	Ensure all members fully understand the rules and the necessity for following these rules. All new members to be trained in safe tackling, and during contact sessions for relevant members (e.g. chasers, GK) ensure they are wearing a gum shield at all times. First aid trained member at every session, as well as Sports Centre staff members on reception.	3	2	6
Manual handling	Students	3	2	6	Only committee members trained in manual handling to move the equipment (goals, bats, ball, etc). Storage location only short distance from pitch so limited carrying time. At least 2 committee members to carry the equipment to ensure no one is overloaded.	2	1	2
Struck by flying object	Students, SC staff, spectators	3	3	9	Non-playing participants to keep clear of playing area. All competitive members to be wearing gum shield and protective equipment. Ensure checks are made of the balls; that they are safe to use, the correct size and have not been over pumped with air	2	2	4
Cold environment	Students	3	3	9	Prior to sessions, send out warnings to all members regarding potential weather conditions. If cold (likely) ensure that all members know to dress appropriately with plenty of layers. During the sessions keep members moving with limited 'standing around' between activities.	2	1	2
Sunburn	Students	2	2	4	Encourage all members to use sun cream if conditions require it. Have sun cream available to anyone who may need it.	2	1	2
<b>Socials, e.g. Pub crawl, movie nights, club meetings</b>								
Excessive alcohol consumption	Students	4	4	16	Introduce the social with clear ground rules on drinking. All present committee to complete regular checks on all members to ensure they are not drinking irresponsibly. If any members appear to be excessively inebriated; they are to be safely escorted home or put in a taxi by another committee member.	2	3	6



Use of drugs	Students	5	3	15	Ensure that all members are aware of rules on drug use; warn members that anyone found to be taking drugs on a social will be immediately removed and face a social ban. Committee to complete regular checks on all members to ensure no one is taking drugs.	2	2	4
Vulnerable members getting lost/left behind	Students	3	3	9	Social secretary to clearly explain the route at the start of the social, and also post it on the group chat so it is accessible to all. Committee members to do a head count each time when leaving/entering a new pub to ensure that no one gets left behind. Buddy members up so everyone is always at least in a pair.	2	1	2
Hit by car	Students	5	2	10	Social secretary to consider locations when deciding on pub crawl, to ensure limited road crossing. When moving from one venue to another, station committee members at various points of the group to ensure that everyone is safe and away from the pavement edge. When crossing a road, committee members to marshal members across.	4	1	4
Physical assault	Students, members of public	4	2	8	If there are signs of agitation or aggression towards anyone the member will be given a warning by a committee member to explain to them their behaviour is not acceptable. Upon second instance they will be asked to leave and face a social ban. If a member of the public becomes aggressive with any club members, venue staff to be notified immediately and if necessary the police will be called.	3	1	3
Sexual harassment/abuse	Students, members of public	5	2	10	All members to give informed of ground rules prior to any social, including rules around consent. Members to be buddied up so in pairs at all times. Committee to complete regular checks of all members to ensure that everyone is comfortable and that no one is acting inapparently. Any members or members of public seen to be sexually harassing or abusing a member, inform venue staff or security immediately and if necessary police will be called.	4	1	4
Trip hazards and slippery surfaces	Students, members of public	2	3	6	Inspect areas and surfaces of venues prior to convening. Ensure that all members are aware of safety rules, and are wearing appropriate footwear. Ask members to notify a committee member straight away of any drink spillages; venue staff to be called to clean up/put down a wet floor sign	2	1	2
Noisy environment and overcrowding	Students	3	3	9	Committee to conduct regular checks of all members to ensure that no one is feeling uncomfortable or anxious in noisy or congested venues. If anyone begins to exhibit these signs, member to be removed from the situation by a fellow trusted member or committee member to calm down, and if necessary move the social onto the next venue.	2	2	4
Cold environment	Students	3	3	6	Prior to the social, send out warnings to all members regarding potential weather conditions. If cold (likely) ensure that all members know to dress appropriately with plenty of layers. Avoid staying outside for extended periods.	2	1	2



Nuisance noise	Public	2	3	6	Ensure that members are respectful of the public particularly when walking from one venue to another where the route takes them past housing. Committee members to warn members if making too much noise.	2	1	2
Broken/sharp objects, e.g. broken glass	Students, members of public	4	2	8	Members instructed to inform committee of any broken glass, so that venue staff can be notified immediately. Until cleared up by staff, committee member to ensure that members clear the area and don't try and pick up the glass by themselves. Any cuts or injuries sustained to be reported immediately; venue staff to have access to first aid box or if more serious call 999.	3	1	3

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	13.05.2020	<b>Date for review of risk assessment:</b> <i>(at the latest 12 months from the date of the event)</i>	13.05.2021
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