

Soft Target Sports Risk Assessment – Patshull Activity Centre

To use this risk assessment:	
1) Read the Generic risk assessment, THEN	
2) Read the Element specific risk assessment for the activity	
 Systematic Controls – these are processes or management actions. They happen outside of the instructed session time.	
 What to say – these are instructions or information that the instructor leading the session has to give to the participants.	
 What to do – these are actions that the instructor leading the session has to take either before or during the session.	
 What to check – these are the key things the instructor leading the session must confirm – they can be either physical things or participant understanding.	

Severity Factor & Remaining Risk Assessment		
The following descriptors are used in each risk assessment. Note that a MEDIUM residual risk is used to show that a hazard requires dynamic risk assessment and deliberate management within the session by the instructor.		
Level	Severity Description	Residual Risk Description
Low	Minor injury requiring no treatment, or simple first aid.	Control measures have reduced the severity and/or likelihood to minimal levels.
Medium	Injury would require the participant to stop doing the activity; medical treatment is beyond the skills of a basic first aider.	Control measures have reduced severity and/or likelihood to an adequate level but hazard still requires dynamic risk assessment and conscious consideration.
High	Injury would require expert medical attention and/or be fatal.	Control measures haven't reduced severity or likelihood to an acceptable level.

Hazardous Event	Who may be harmed?	Foreseeable Severity	Control Measures in Place ( Systematic controls  What to say  What to do  What to check)				Residual Risk
Manual Handling	All	Medium		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure equipment is stored in an appropriate location and easy to handle 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always ask if persons are comfortable before getting them to lift the equipment 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use two persons if equipment is heavy 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check everyone involved understands 			
Failure of equipment	Participants	High		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection, testing & maintenance of equipment 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check all equipment before each session Store equipment in a safe and secure location 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment to be checked for damage before and after use 			



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Slips, trips and falls	All	Low		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of the area being used and surrounding areas 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the briefing highlight any steps, ramps, ground conditions or weather that could increase the likelihood of a slip, trip or fall 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a no-run policy is in place around the area Ask the Leader in Charge of the participants to remain in the area and be responsible for crowd control and behaviour 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep an eye on anyone in the vicinity 			
Impact injuries e.g. hit by a soft axe	All	Low		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure participants know not to retrieve axes/arrows until permission is given Advise that highest axes/arrows to be removed first 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly mark the throwing lanes Ensure one thrower per lane Supervise the participants at all times 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure soft, lightweight axes and bows/arrows are used 			
Overarm/backward swinging motion(axes) - leading to accidental contact	All	Medium		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct participants on correct stance and throw Advise non-participants to remain in the safe zones away from the lanes and throwing areas 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep adequate spacing between lanes Maintain safe zones around and behind the throwers 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check participants and non-participants are complying with the instructions 			
Projectile injuries e.g. hit by a plastic dart	All	Medium		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct participants on correct stance and how to use the equipment Advise non-participants to remain in the safe zones away from the range 			



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				( Systematic controls)	 What to say	 What to do	 What to check)	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly mark the firing range • Have a maximum number of participants for the equipment • Provide a safety briefing to all participants in advance of the session • Use the soft archery equipment only 				Medium
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check participants and non-participants are complying with the instructions 			

Revision History

