Sale Water Park/General sessions Canoe Polo Training Session Risk Assessment

Date Carried Out: 10th September 2022

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| Hazard | Who might be harmed | Management | Further action | Review Date/ Comments |
| PRIMARY RISKS FOR ALL TRAINING SESSIONS |
| Drowning  | Paddlers and Others | ALL SESSIONS - Paddlers-Buoyancy Aid mandatory-Instruction in capsize procedures-Adequate supervision for novices-Paddling alone is not permitted.POOL – paddlers and others-Spectators not allowed on poolside.-All session attendees to follow any guidance from LifeguardsSWP/Outdoor Venue – paddlers and others-avoid use of outdoor venue in extreme weather conditions, especially strong winds-Avoid use of SWP when severe flood warnings are in place/ when instructed by outdoor centre due to weather | -Regular testing of Buoyancy Aids-Capsize induction for new members-Regular checks on EquipmentPOOL -Lifeguard in attendance at pool sessions. At any other session, appropriately trained/experienced members/coaches in attendance. | Annual Review |
| SLIPS, TRIPS ANDFALLS | Paddlers and others | -All paddlers advised oncorrect clothing and footwear-Appropriate maintenanceof storage, including ensuring floor is keptclear of debrisSWP-Signposting to correct egress points-Club members to use marked public footways to access water-Avoid use of SWP in icy conditions/ in the dark due to increased risk of falls-Paddlers/Referees advised not to run on pontoonsPOOL- All paddlers and visitors to follow pool guidance and rules,including no running on poolside. | -Continuous dynamic riskassessment | Review Annually |
| PERSONAL INJURY (including sprains, softtissue injury, breaks, headinjury) | Paddlers, Coaches andOthers | -Encouragement and coaching in correct paddling technique.-Enforcement of canoe polo rules to ensure safe play-Mandatory use of helmet and buoyancy aid for protection. | -Ensure players are educated in canoe polorules.-Club members to regularly attend referee courses to ensure knowledge is up to date.-Adequate number of first aid trained club members. | Annual review |
| INJURY FROM MANUALHANDLING | Paddlers | -Minimal heavy lifting-Members advised in correct boat lifting technique.-Assistance offered to paddlers unable to carry own equipment |  | Annual Review |
| INJURY FROM TRAFFIC | Paddlers/Visitors/Spectators in car park areas | -Encourage car sharing where possible-Gathering point between/ prior to sessions away from car park to avoid immediate risk from traffic | Dynamic Risk assessment | Annual Review |
| ADDITIONAL RISKS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OUTDOOR TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION (FLAT WATER ONLY), INCLUDING USE OF SALE WATER PARK |
| HYPOTHERMIA | Paddlers, Spectators | -Advised on correct clothing to wear on and off water-Avoid training in near freezing conditions | - Continuous dynamic risk | Annual review |
| POLLUTION ANDWATER QUALITY | Paddlers | -Advised to wash as soon as possible after training outdoors.-Advised to wash equipment between training venues-Club to follow guidance re. water quality from SWP/United Utilities, or other training venues-All paddlers to be aware of any underwater debris/anchors | -Dynamic risk assessment | Annual review |
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During the return to training following Covid-19, additional Health and Safety Procedures will be adopted, in line with the up-to-date government guidance, local lockdown rules, and British Canoeing guidance.