



Southampton University Mountaineering Club

Risk Assessment: Competition Climbing

Activity or Task	Competition Climbing
Assessor (Position)	Ellie Tang (President)
Date	31/08/2022

Activity Description	Climbing competitions to be held by SUMC inside the university bouldering wall.
Additional Notes	This risk assesment is to be used in conjunction with the bouldering wall risk assesment and the university walls general operating procedures.

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Hazard	Effect	Inherent Risk			Controls	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk		Likelihood	Severity	Risk
Large number of people using the wall	Overcrowding, falling onto others, concussions, breaks, sprains	4	4	High	Number of climbers inside the wall is to be limited by the person(s) running the competition. Competitions routes must be adequately spaced by route setters in order to avoid climbers climbing too close. The number of climbers on the wall must also be limited by those person(s) running the competition. All participating climbers must be briefed by those running the competition of the dangers of a busy wall before competition commences. Maximum number of climbers in wall must be limited to 30 at all times.	2	2	Low
Danger due to additional obstructions in landing spaces	Personal Injury	3	3	Medium	A separate space shall be made available for climbers to put all their belongings by competition organisers. Climbers should not take any belongings onto the mat. Competition organisers must brief climbers on dangers of bringing items on mat before competition commences.	1	2	Low
Fire	Burns, death	2	5	Medium	Competition organisers must brief climbers on areas fire procedure before competition begins. Climbers must also be briefed to not block doors or exit points with belongings. Any table used to keep scores must be against the side of the wall as to not obstruct exit in the case of a fire. Where fire door is left open to allow simultaneous activities outside, no obstructions must be left blocking exit.	1	2	Low
SARS-CoV-2 (Novel Coronavirus)	COVID-19 (Flu-like symptoms, death in those who are at risk, transmission to those at risk, transmission to those not at risk leading to an epidemic)	5	3	High	Climbers must use hand sanitiser before/after climbs. Person(s) organising the event must ensure that number of climbers inside/around wall is in accordance with government guidelines. Climbers must ensure proper social distancing is maintained throughout event. If any person(s) show any symptoms of COVID-19 they must not attend event.	2	3	Low

