



Southampton University Mountaineering Club

# Risk Assessment: Varsity

<b>Activity or Task</b>	Indoor Bouldering Competition
<b>Assessor (Position)</b>	Ellie Tang (President)
<b>Date</b>	31/08/2022

<b>Activity Description</b>	Varsity competition at Red Spider Climbing Centre, Fareham, on 11/06/2021, departing from SUSU at 09:30 and returning at 16:00.
<b>Additional Notes</b>	As an organised sporting event, this competition is exempt from current COVID-19 restrictions which limit the number of people able to meet indoors. However, the event will have a capacity limit of 80 climbers, ensuring that social distancing can be maintained at the centre at all times. The competition will take place at a commercial climbing centre (Red Spider), and this risk assesment must be used in conjunction with the centre's own risk sssessment. All waivers ect. must be signed by all club members before starting the activity, as well as any other safety procedures required by the centre. To be used in conjunction with the travel risk assessment.

<b>Checked by (Position)</b>	Ellie Tang (President)
<b>Date</b>	31/08/2022
<b>Checked by (Position)</b>	Josie Meredith (Vice President)
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Hazard	Effect	Inherent Risk			Controls	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk		Likelihood	Severity	Risk
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	As an organised sporting event, the competition is exempt from some of the current COVID-19 restrictions. The number of climbers allowed to participate at the event will be limited to 80 due to the indoors venue, enabling social distancing and preventing overcrowding at the centre. The centre will be well ventilated to reduce transmission. Climbers must use hand sanitiser before/after climbs. Climbers must ensure proper social distancing is maintained throughout event and wear face coverings where social distancing is not possible. If any person(s) show any symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must not attend event.	2	3	Low
Overexertion	Muscle, tendon, and other injuries	3	3	Medium	Climbers should climb within their grade, and should ensure to take regular breaks to minimise the risk of injury.	3	2	Low
Fire	Burns and death	1	5	Low	Climbers should follow the centres fire safety operating procedures. It is the climbers duty to ensure that they are aware of the centres, fire procedures before the activity begins. These can be found in most centres safety waiver.	1	2	Low
Entanglement	Asphyxiation	2	1	Low	Appropriate clothing to be worn, no jewellery to be worn.	2	3	Low
Previous medical conditions	Various	3	4	Medium	Ensure that members of climbing party are aware of any previous medical conditions (through the website profiles or otherwise), and are aware of any action that may need to be taken. Climbers participate at their own risk.	3	2	Low
Danger due to additional obstructions in landing spaces	Personal Injury	3	3	Medium	A seperate 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 comences.	1	2	Low
Dehydration	Personal Injury	2	2	Low	Climbers must bring a water bottle, with a suitable amount of water to each centre. Water fountains are usually available at each centre.	2	2	Low
Supervision of novice members, not signed in as competent climbers.	Personal Injury (cuts, sprains, breaks, falls concussions), injury to others (falls, cuts breaks sprains, concussions)	4	4	High	The person(s) running the session must be aware of who all novice climbers are. All novice climbers must be paired up with a more experienced climber to ensure their safety.	3	2	Low

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Travel to centre	Personal Injury, COVID-19 transmission (Flu-like symptoms, death in those who are at risk, transmission to those at risk, transmission to those not at risk)	5	3	High	Current COVID-19 guidelines will be adhered to, which allow car sharing for groups of no more than 6 people, or 2 households. To reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission, the number of passengers travelling in each vehicle will be minimised (max. 4 passengers per car) and car sharing will be within households and support bubbles where possible. Windows should be open for ventilation and members must wear face coverings where social distancing is not possible. Drivers must be comfortable driving in heavier traffic conditions. For longer journeys, drivers must take regular breaks.	2	3	Low
Members incorrectly signing themselves as a competent climber	Personal Injury (cuts, sprains, breaks, falls concussions), injury to others (falls, cuts breaks sprains, concussions)	3	4	Medium	Members must ensure they sign truthfully, if new members are unsure about their abilities, they should sign as a less competent member, and complete all teaching available to them. Controls such as belay tests in centres should help to remove this risk. Club members who are watching novice members are responsible for them at all times.	2	3	Low
Additional members	Overcrowding, insufficient number of experienced members to supervise novice members leading to: Personal Injury (cuts, sprains, breaks, falls concussions), injury to others (falls, cuts breaks sprains, concussions)	3	4	Medium	All climbers participating in activity must ensure that they have signed onto event using the SUMC website. The person(s) leading the activity must ensure they take a register before departure for the activity and any person(s) who have not signed up for event do not come. Person(s) organising the event must ensure that there is a good ratio of experienced climbers to novice climbers.	3	2	Low

