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| Work/Activity: Paintball Society General Risk Assessment | | | |
| Location: Various Paintball Sites, University of Southampton property (UoS), Southampton University Students’ Union (SUSU) property and potentially others.  Dates: N/A Times: N/A Number of people: N/A  Activity:  This is a general Risk Assessment covering the most likely club activities including Paintball events, travel to and from events as well as any displays of equipment we undertake as part of SUSU incorporating events such as UoS Open Days and the Bunfight. | | | |
| Group: Airsoft Society and Paintball Club | Assessor(s): Jack James | | Contact: committee@supac.org.uk |
| Guidance/standards/Reference documents | Competence requirements | | |
| [Please enter any H&S guidance referred to when write this Risk assessment. This could be codes of practice from your NGB or industry body, group policies, instructions, manufacturer’s guidance, advice from HSE, useful websites or copies of qualifications and certificates.]  [e.g]   * <http://www.hse.gov.uk/Risk/faq.htm> | **Role:** [who has what H&S responsibilities for each task e.g. event stewards] | **Skills, experience or qualifications** [what training/experience has this person had to undertake their H&S responsibilities] | |
| Jack James – Current (2019-2020) President of Paintball Society, who has amended this risk assessment.  (This risk assessment has been modified and amended from a copy created by the Airsoft half of SUPAC.)  Subsequent Committees will add their  own expertise to this pool of  knowledge and ensure the risk assessment remains up-to-date. | Club member since 2017 and paintballer with 2 years experience | |
| Risk assessments linked |
| Any Risk Assessment pertaining to use of external Paintball Sites, UoS or SUSU Property. |

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| Task | Hazards | Who might be harmed and how | Current control measures | Current risk /9 | Additional control measures | Action by whom? | Residual risk  /9 | check SA/DM |
| **Paintball Game** | Impact of paintballs on a person | Significant  injury to  eyes, minor  injuries to  face, minor  impact  injuries to  any other  parts of the  body – these  could affect  all persons  present. | All activities will take place in a  controlled environment with  suitable netting in place to  ensure that no paintballs exit the  prescribed area with any  force.  All persons inside the  controlled area will be  wearing approved eye/face  protection (this is mandatory in order to gain access to game areas on all sites across the UK)  Everyone will receive a  comprehensive brief before  entering the playing area.  All weapons used on-site will  have been chronographed to  ensure they are firing within a  safe limit. | 6 | Committee will bring spare eye/face protection, in the event a member’s own is broken, or in the event where a member forgets their mask. No members will enter the game area without face protection ever. | Site  responsible  for hosting  game and  ensuring all  players have  safe markers,  wear their eye  pro at all  times and that  the site  boundaries  are defined. | 2 |  |
| Paintball Game | Airsoft Gun not  being made safe  in appropriate  areas. | Potential  injury to  anybody  inside the  area. | ‘Plugging’ or the use of a barrel sock is mandatory for markers in safe zones, it is also encouraged for all players to deactivate and de-gas their markers before entering ‘safe-zones’ | 3 |  | Rules enforced by the site marshalls | 1 |  |
| Paintball Game | Collisions while playing airsoft | Chance of injury, could be scrapes/bumps/pulled muscles/broken bones from a fall resulting from a collision. Chance of concussion if two players collide at speed. | Members are encouraged to remain aware of surroundings throughout the day, while in and out of play. While it is not compulsory, members are encouraged to wear helmets to prevent the head from colliding with another player or part of the site. | 5 | In the event of an injury from an in-game collision, there is a registered first aider at each site. The player would then receive necessary medical attention. | Club President or Event Organiser | 2 |  |
| **Travel to/from events** | Driving | Members of  the club,  members of  the student  community  or members  of the public | Members offering to drive  must have a current, valid  driving licence for the vehicle  in question.  Drivers will ensure their  vehicle is roadworthy, with current insurance, and the vehicle must have an up-to-date MOT test before  volunteering to drive for a  society event.  Drivers will ensure they are fit  and able to drive before  volunteering to drive for a  society event.  In the case of hiring a Minibus  from the Union, the minibus  driver and the society will  comply with all Union  directives regarding hire and  use of minibuses. | 4 |  | Volunteering drivers | 2 |  |
| Travel to/from events | Driver becomes tired | Members of  the club,  members of  the student  community  or members  of the public | While driving precautions will be taken to ensure the driver takes adequate rest breaks to avoid becoming tired/distracted. They are encouraged to stop at suitable places (i.e. motorway services or other safe places to stop) if they need a break. | 4 |  | Volunteering drivers | 2 |  |
| Travel to/from events | Driver becomes distracted | Members of  the club,  members of  the student  community  or members  of the public | Passengers will be made aware of the importance of ensuring the driver is not distracted, as this can impact on the safety of the driver, passengers and other road users.  Drivers are encouraged to take rest breaks at suitable safe places to stop if necessary. | 3 |  | Volunteering drivers | 2 |  |
| Travel to/from events | Sight of Realistic  Imitation Firearm  could cause  concern. | Members of  the club,  members of  the student  community  or members  of the public | They will be carried to and  from the event in appropriate discreet  gun bags, cases or boxes so  members of the public do not  see the weaponry being  transported. | 2 |  | Whilst  individual  members are  responsible  for their own  kit the Club  President or  Event  Organiser will  make sure  club kit is  appropriately transported and that members comply | 2 |  |
| **Display** | Paintball marker could fire | Members of  the club or  members of  the student  community. | All electric guns will have their  batteries removed. Air bottles for display will have hole drilled through to stop them being filled, with clear ‘empty’ stickers placed on them. | 2 |  | Club President or Event Organiser | 2 |  |
| Display | Paintball marker could be stolen | Members of  the club,  members of  the student  community  or members  of the public | Members will watch over the  equipment, and signs posted  will inform members of the  public not to touch the  weapons without direct  supervision of an individual  member. There will be two  members on the stand all day,  if at any point (due to  refreshment/comfort breaks)  there is only one member on  the stand, handling of  markers will cease until  another member returns. | 2 |  | Club President or Event Organiser | 2 |  |
| Display | Sight of Realistic Imitation Firearm could cause concern. | Members of  the club,  members of the student community or members of the public | To avoid any confusion, signs  will be posted at the table that  these are replicas and appropriate safety measures  have been taken. They will be  carried to and from the event  in appropriate gun bags, cases  or boxes so members do not  see the weaponry being  transported. The Union has  been informed by nature of  this Risk Assessment and  whilst Members will be  allowed to carry markers  around the stand, they will not  leave the immediate area. | 2 | University Security could be informed on the day and, whilst unnecessary the police could be informed also. | Club President or Event Organiser | 1 |  |
| **General/Other Club Activities** | Slips, trips and falls. | Chance of  scrapes,  bumps,  pulled  muscles or  potentially  broken  bones in  extremis –  anyone in  unsuitable  footwear  may be  affected. | Players will be advised to wear  suitable footwear (i.e. boots with adequate ankle support) prior to arriving.  Where practicable all  slipping/tripping hazards  removed or clearly identified.  All playing fields are regularly  walked to identify and  mark any new hazards. | 4 |  | Paintball site hosting (if applicable) and Event Organiser or Club President | 2 |  |
| General/Other Club Activities | Injury due to incorrect handling of heavy items | Members  setting up the event | All members who are doing manual handling will have been briefed in the requirements of the health and safety at work requirements. | 2 |  | Event Organiser or Club President | 1 |  |
| General/Other Club Activities | Wet Weather | Members of the club | Static demonstration, members are encouraged to wear  appropriate footwear and clothing (i.e. waterproof clothing to ensure individuals remain dry and warm, and bring spare dry clothing to change into)  Electrical  items, if in use, will be stored  appropriately in waterproof containers. | 2 | Looking into the provision of a gazebo to cover the equipment and members  If weather conditions become too adverse (i.e. extremely heavy rain, icy conditions, or heavy snow) committee may make the decision to call off events for the safety of club members. This has occurred in the past where ice and snow meant it would have been unsafe to drive, therefore committee made the decision to call off the trip for the safety of everyone involved. | Event Organiser or Club President | 1 |  |
| General/Other Club Activities | Hot/Cold Weather | Members of the club | Members will be advised of weather conditions and warned to be dressed suitably. In hot weather members will be advised to stay hydrated, out of the sun, and wear light breathable clothing to avoid dehydration/heat exhaustion. In cold weather members will be encouraged to wear an appropriate amount of sensible clothing (i.e. jumpers, thermal layers and jackets) to ensure they do not suffer from the effects of being cold. | 2 | Looking into the provision of a gazebo to cover the equipment and members  Committee bringing spare jumpers or layers to give to members who are dressed incorrectly for the cold.  Committee bringing spare water to ensure members stay hydrated in the event of hot weather.  All paintball sites have a registered first aider present. If a member was to become unwell (dehydrated/heat exhausted/sunstroke), they would receive first aid from the registered first aider. | Event Organiser or Club President | 2 |  |
| General/Other Club Activities | Member inappropriately dressed (i.e. wearing jewellery or not wearing correct shoes/clothes) | Members of the club | Members are advised that airsoft is a sporting activity that requires appropriate clothing/footwear for playing a whole day of paintball.  If a member was wearing inappropriate shoes (i.e. sandals) we would give them the opportunity to change their shoes into something sensible.  If a member was wearing jewellery such as earrings, which could become caught on something, they would be told to remove them for their own safety. | 3 |  | Event Organiser or Club President | 2 |  |
| General/Other Club Activities | Fitness and First Aid | All Present | All sites have at least one registered first aider present  on site at all times. All players  must declare any known injury  or other ailment that may  prevent them participating in  the event(s).  All first aiders should be made  aware of players who may  require specialist treatment.  All players will sign a  disclaimer following the  standard pattern for most UK  sites.    When running trips, the club gets to sites early enough to allow time for club members to get ready and warm up to prevent injury. Sites run warm up games to allow players to warm up for the day. Additionally time is given at the end of the day for a member to cool down if they need to | 2 | No additional controls | Paintball site hosting (if applicable) and Event Organiser or Club President | 2 |  |

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| Likelihood | |
| Level | **Description** |
| High (3) | Will probably occur in most circumstances |
| Medium (2) | Might occur at some time |
| Low (1) | May occur only in exceptional circumstances |

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| Impact | |
| Level | **Description** |
| High (3) | Major Injury or Death; Loss of limb or life-threatening conditions. In hospital for more than 3 days, and/or subject to extensive prolonged course of medical treatment and support. |
| Medium (2) | Serious injury causing hospitalisation, less than 3 days. Rehabilitation could last for several months. |
| Low (1) | Minor/superficial injuries. Local first aid treatment or absence from work for less than 3 days. |