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| **Risk Assessment** | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment for the activity of** | **Training Sessions, Meetings and Socials and the Bunfight** | | **Date** | **08/08/2022** |
| **Unit/Faculty/Directorate** | **Southampton University Polo club** | **Assessor** | **Francine Kay** | |
| **Line Manager/Supervisor** | ***President*** | **Signed off** |  | |

[Hurlingham Polo Association Summer Covid procedures link](https://hpa-polo.co.uk/download/Summer-Polo-Procedures.pdf) <- link to governing body for polo

| ***PART A*** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **(1) Risk identification** | | | **(2) Risk assessment** | | | | **(3) Risk management** | | | |
| **Hazard** | **Potential Consequences** | **Who might be harmed**  **(user; those nearby; those in the vicinity; members of the public)** | **Inherent** | | |  | **Residual** | | | **Further controls (use the risk hierarchy)** |
| **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** | **Control measures (use the risk hierarchy)** | **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** |
| **Meetings & Socials** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slips, trips and falls | Physical injury | Event organisers and attendees | **2** | **4** | **8** | * Floors to be kept clear and dry, and visual checks to be maintained throughout the meeting by organizers. * Extra vigilance will be paid to make sure that any spilled food products/objects are cleaned up quickly and efficiently in the area. * Report any trip hazards to facilities teams/venue staff asap. If cannot be removed mark off with hazard signs | **1** | **4** | **4** | * Seek medical attention from SUSU Reception/venue staff if in need * Contact facilities team via SUSU reception/venue staff * Contact emergency services if needed * All incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) |
| Inadequate meeting space- overcrowding, not inclusive to all members | Physical injury, distress, exclusion | Persons in meeting | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Committee check on room pre-booking, checks on space, lighting, access, tech available * Ensure space meets needs of members e.g. considering location & accessibility of space * Committee to consult members on needs and make reasonable adjustments where possible | 1 | 3 | 3 | * Seek medical attention if problem arises * Liaise with SUSU reception/activities team on available spaces for meetings * Postpone meetings where space cannot be found * Look at remote meeting options for members * Committee WIDE training |
| Socials: Costumes/Fancy Dress | Props/costumes causing injury or offence | Participants  Members of the public | **2** | **2** | **4** | * Ask members to only bring small items and use sensibly. Members of the society are responsible for their own possessions and the use of them. * Choose a theme unlikely to cause offence. Any participant wearing items deemed offensive asked to remove these. * Society to follow and share with members Code of conduct/SUSU [Expect Respect policy](https://www.susu.org/downloads/SUSU-Expect-Respect-Policy.pdf) | **1** | **2** | **2** | * SUSU [Expect Respect policy](https://www.susu.org/downloads/SUSU-Expect-Respect-Policy.pdf) to be followed * Committee WIDE training |
| Socials- alcohol consumption | Participants may become at risk as a result of alcohol consumption  Members of the public may act violently towards participants. | Event organisers, event attendees, | **2** | **5** | **10** | * Members are responsible for their individual safety though and are expected to act sensibly * Initiation behaviour not to be tolerated and drinking games to be discouraged * For socials at bars/pubs etc bouncers will be present at most venues. * Bar Security staff will need to be alerted and emergency services called as required. * Where possible the consumption of alcohol will take place at licensed premises. The conditions on the license will be adhered to and alcohol will not be served to customers who have drunk to excess * Committee to select ‘student friendly’ bars/clubs and contact them in advance to inform them of the event * Society to follow and share with members Code of conduct/SUSU [Expect Respect policy](https://www.susu.org/downloads/SUSU-Expect-Respect-Policy.pdf) | **1** | **3** | **5** | * Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) * Call emergency services as required 111/999 * Committee WIDE training |
| Socials-Travel | Vehicles collision -causing serious injury | Event organisers, event attendees, Members of the public | **4** | **3** | **12** | * Members are responsible for their individual safety though and are expected to act sensibly * local venues known to UoS students chosen * Event organisers will be available to direct people between venues. * Attendees will be encouraged to identify a ‘buddy’, this will make it easier for people to stay together. They will be encouraged (but not expected) to look out for one another and check in throughout the night where possible. * Avoid large groups of people totally blocking the pavement or spilling in to the road. * Anybody in the group who is very drunk or appears unwell and therefore not safe should be encouraged to go home ideally with someone else. If required a taxi will be called for them (ideally SUSU safety bus will be used, or radio taxis). * Be considerate of other pedestrians & road users, keep disturbance & noise down. | **2** | **2** | **4** | * Where possible venues chosen for socials will be local/known to members and within a short distance from each other. * Contact emergency services as required 111/999 * Incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. * Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) |
| Socials/Meetings- Medical emergency | Members may sustain injury /become unwell  pre-existing medical conditions  Sickness  Distress | Members | **3** | **5** | **15** | * Advise participants; to bring their personal medication * Members/Committee to carry out first aid if necessary and only if qualified and confident to do so * Contact emergency services as required 111/999 * Contact SUSU Reception/Venue staff for first aid support | **2** | **5** | **15** | * Incidents are to be reported on the as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. * Follow [SUSU incident report policy](https://www.susu.org/groups/admin/howto/protectionaccident) |
| Insufficient Fire Safety awareness | If a fire alarm is triggered, people may not know where to go-  Crushing, falls, burns and smoke inhalation arising from induced panic, reduced space in buildings and external walkways, obstructed fire exits, build-up of flammable materials i.e. waste cardboard/boxes. | Members | **2** | **10** | **5** | * ensure that members know where the nearest fire exist are and the meeting place is outside, should it be needed * Build-up of rubbish is to be kept to a minimum. Excess build up is to be removed promptly and deposited in the designated areas. | **1** | **5** | **5** | * All incidents are to be reported as soon as possible ensuring the duty manager/health and safety officer have been informed. * Call emergency services and University Security: * Emergency contact number for Campus Security: * Tel: +44 (0)23 8059 3311 * (Ext:3311). |
| **Training Sessions** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Falling from horse at **high speed** clear of the horse | Significant impact with the ground, may require catching loose pony on foot, stress to player | Person | 4 | 3 | 12 | 4 & 5. Players must wear PA05011 hat. Supervision of experience coach at all times when riding. | 4 | 2 | 8 | Players not entered into match at higher speed when it is beyond their current level. |
| Falling from horse not clear of the horse | Horse may trample player if they fall under horses legs | Person | 2 | 4 | 12 | 4 & 5. Players must wear PA05011 hat. Supervision of experience coach at all times when riding. | 2 | 4 | 8 | Players advised on how to best avoid this situation and properly matched with horse and level of game play. |
| Playing instructional chukkas | Impact of sticks and balls with player and horses | Person and horse | 4 | 2 | 8 | 4 & 5. Players must wear PA05011 hat and advised to wear face guard. Supervision of experience coach implementing rules of play. | 4 | 1 | 4 | Ensuring all safety equipment is available to players and the club responsible for ensuring this. |
| Contact with other players while riding:  Impact of horses while riding off | Lower leg stuck between horses, contact with another player | Either player involved in contact | 5 | 2 | 10 | 4 & 5. Players must wear polo boots and knee pads at all times. Adequate coaching to explain the proper rules of play. | 5 | 1 | 5 | Ensuring adequate coaching so that the rules of play are understood by players. |
| Not complying with necessary rules such as crossing the line of play, i.e collisions when playing. | * Horse can fall over on top of player | Player and horse | **1** | **5** | **5** | 4 & 5. Players must wear appropriate safety equipment. Adequate coaching to explain the proper rules of play and umpiring that implements the rules at a low level before play reach dangerous speeds. | **1** | **5** | **5** | Ensuring adequate coaching so that the rules of play are understood by players. Ensuring players without the necessary experience are not entered into a high level of play. |
| Wooden Horse | * Player falls off wooden horse whilst practicing * Wooden horse is damaged whilst practicing | Player | **1** | **3** | **3** | Players, aware that they must be sensible on the wooden horse, and they will be advised to wear a hat whilst practicing  Ensure the wooden horse is secure before testing, also use protective mats on the floor in case a player does fall off | **1** | **3** | **3** | Ensure supervision whilst a player is training on the wooden horse, preferably someone with more experience to make sure that a proper way of handling equipment is used. |
| Playing stick and ball on ground | * Player is hit by sticks/balls * Equipment is damaged/lost * People nearby may get hit by the balls and injured | Player  Those in vicinity | **1** | **3** | **3** | Players to be aware of potential risks and ensure that equipment is used sensibly and appropriately  Ensure that practice takes place with reasonable space and balls are not directed towards people | **1** | **3** | **3** | Practice occurs in groups to encourage sensible play  Beginners are supervised by the Team Captain or other committee member  All kit must be signed out so unsafe use is limited |
| COVID19 | * Player catches virus whilst on site of Club * Player touches contaminated equipment (saddle, bridle, stirrups and girth) * Player comes into interaction with groom within two metres * Players use contaminated shared equipment (polo sticks, whips, balls) * Players have contact whilst playing * Transport issues | Player, groom, instructor | **2** | **5** | **10** | * Before playing at the club, players have to sign a waiver showing recognition of the risks of catching the Virus, confirming that they have been symptom free for the past 14 days, and have been in no contact with anyone who has those symptoms. Also that they understand the government guidance and measures as regards social distancing, hygiene, and knowledge and understanding that the government guidance may change. Accepting responsibility for their actions whilst at the affiliated club and will abide by the measures that the club has adopted to ensure a Covid-19 safe environment. They do not have to visit the club if they do not wish to and they do so at their own risk. * All players wishing to participate in activity are briefed on the risk assessment at the start of every session * Tack (bridle, saddle, girth, stirrups etc. will be wiped down with saddle soup before and after the player rides. * Grooms will not be able to help the player get on the ponies so player will have to sort out their own girth, stirrups etc and so for this reason beginner lessons will not be possible unless they are will a member of their own household to help them with this. * There are no shared facilities currently available at the club including equipment, so players must use their own sticks and whips to avoid contamination * Players to keep two metres when riding to keep to social distancing rules * Players only allowed to travel with members from their household * All participation by attendees recorded at the sessions and logged onto specific university online portal * Players to wash their hands and use hand sanitiser for 20 seconds before and after; eating food and food preparation, tending to a cough or sneeze or blowing one’s nose, tending or treating a cut or wound, going to the bathroom, touching a horse, touching a waste product, touching common contact points such as doors and horse tack and any polo sticks * Social distancing- can be done as grooms will not be helping riders getting onto horses or adjustment of tack when the rider is on the horse and when riding ensure to keep 2 metres away from other riders and horses and staff. Regulate any one way systems in place at the yard, regulate how many people are on the yard at a given time | **1** | **5** | **5** | Ensure that all players have signed the waiver provided by the affiliated club and have declared this to both president and affiliated club before they partake in any lessons.  -Ask players to wear a mask when walking around the affiliated club to keep staff and players safe  -Ask Players to wear gloves to avoid contact with equipment even after it has been cleaned.  -Use alcohol gel before and after playing and touching equipment’s  -helmets and clothes worn by the player need to wash between sessions.   * Allow time for people to keep distance whilst moving around on the yard * If anyone became ill on a certain activity session that everyone present at that activity session has been informed and any participants advised to self isolate for 2 weeks and have it recorded |
| **Bunfight** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Overcrowding at Stall | Reduced space in walkways and entrances.  Risk of Students panicking because of tight spaces / confinement. Crushing against fixed structures from pushing and shoving. Aggressive behaviour. | Members, visitors | **2** | **3** | **6** | * A maximum of 3 representatives to be at the stall at any one time * Request that orderly ques are formed * Ensure all items are stored under tables and monitor area in front of stall to ensure this is clear * Ensure that organisers /volunteers do not block walkways when engaging with attendees * Follow instructions given by support staff/staff on directions and entry and exit points * Do not move tables if this has been placed for you by staff. | **1** | **3** | **3** | * Seek medical attention if problem arises * Seek support from facilities staff |
| Falling Objects e.g. banners | Injury  Bruising  Damage to equipment | Members, visitors | **2** | **3** | **6** | * Tables to be safely secured by staff where possible – ask for support from facilities team * Ensure banner is secured and on a flat surface * Ensure banners or objects are not obscuring walkways or exits-ideally place behind or to the side of stall where space allows- ensuring distance | **1** | **2** | **2** | * Seek medical attention if problem arises * Seek support from facilities staff |

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| ***PART B – Action Plan*** | | | | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment Action Plan** | | | | | | | |
| **Part no.** | **Action to be taken, incl. Cost** | **By whom** | | **Target date** | **Review date** | **Outcome at review date** | |
| 1 | Individual risk assessments for individual events with higher risk levels and anything not covered by generic assessment. This includes:   * Trips and Tours * Fundraising events e.g. Bake Sales * External Speaker Events | Relevant committee members – president to ensure complete. | |  |  |  | |
| 2 | Committee to read and share SUSU Expect Respect Policy | Relevant committee members – president to ensure complete. | |  |  |  | |
|  | Ensuring the club provides/gives access to adequate safety equipment: PA05011 Hats, Knee pads | SUPC committee, SUPC Coach/team captain | | 12/04/23 |  | Make sure that anyone who needs any club equipment to remain safe whilst playing has access to it | |
|  | Ensuring all new and current players have an adequate level of coaching for the level of play they partake in | Team Captain | | 12/04/23 |  | Review with Polo coach to make sure everyone playing is safe to play | |
|  | Making people aware of the risk. Additional explanation of very unlikely high risk event and ensuring no unsupervised play is allowed. Ensuring players understand their full health is necessary and have had adequate food and water before playing. Also notify to wear a coat in the rain / bad weather. No playing when it is icy. | SUPC President | |  |  |  | |
|  | Warm ups for horses and players such as “stick and balling” in a walk or trot are always part of the lessons but we will encourage members to do a cool down as well after getting the horses back to the stable. | SUPC President | |  |  |  | |
|  | Ask for pre-existing medical conditions that may impact ability to play including allergies | SUPC President | |  |  |  | |
|  | Nationals- Involves playing and large social event, so need to ensure that all members partaking in these event are aware of all the risks and also have somewhere if they need any help | SUPC President | |  |  |  | |
|  | Drivers are expected to drive safely and be aware of the laws of the road. Team captain has passed mini bus test. | SUPC President | |  |  |  | |
|  | Players expected to sign waiver and follow protocol when dealing with the risks of Covid-19 at the club and all participants follow all of the rules to ensure everyone is safe. | SUPC President | |  |  |  | |
|  | All activity is logged onto susu login portal | SUPC committee | |  |  |  | |
| Responsible committee member signature:  A picture containing night sky  Description automatically generated | | | | | Responsible Qualified Coach signature: | | |
| Print name:  Francine Kay | | | Date:  01/09/2022 | | Print name:  ROBIN ORMEROD | | Date  08/08/2021 |

**Assessment Guidance**

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| 1. Eliminate | Remove the hazard wherever possible which negates the need for further controls | If this is not possible then explain why |  |
| 1. Substitute | Replace the hazard with one less hazardous | If not possible then explain why |
| 1. Physical controls | Examples: enclosure, fume cupboard, glove box | Likely to still require admin controls as well |
| 1. Admin controls | Examples: training, supervision, signage |  |
| 1. Personal protection | Examples: respirators, safety specs, gloves | Last resort as it only protects the individual |

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| **LIKELIHOOD** | 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
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| **IMPACT** | | | | |

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| Impact | | Health & Safety |
| 1 | Trivial - insignificant | Very minor injuries e.g. slight bruising |
| 2 | Minor | Injuries or illness e.g. small cut or abrasion which require basic first aid treatment even in self-administered. |
| 3 | Moderate | Injuries or illness e.g. strain or sprain requiring first aid or medical support. |
| 4 | Major | Injuries or illness e.g. broken bone requiring medical support >24 hours and time off work >4 weeks. |
| 5 | Severe – extremely significant | Fatality or multiple serious injuries or illness requiring hospital admission or significant time off work. |

Risk process

1. Identify the impact and likelihood using the tables above.
2. Identify the risk rating by multiplying the Impact by the likelihood using the coloured matrix.
3. If the risk is amber or red – identify control measures to reduce the risk to as low as is reasonably practicable.
4. If the residual risk is green, additional controls are not necessary.
5. If the residual risk is amber the activity can continue but you must identify and implement further controls to reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable.
6. If the residual risk is red do not continue with the activity until additional controls have been implemented and the risk is reduced.
7. Control measures should follow the risk hierarchy, where appropriate as per the pyramid above.
8. The cost of implementing control measures can be taken into account but should be proportional to the risk i.e. a control to reduce low risk may not need to be carried out if the cost is high but a control to manage high risk means that even at high cost the control would be necessary.

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| Likelihood | |
| 1 | Rare e.g. 1 in 100,000 chance or higher |
| 2 | Unlikely e.g. 1 in 10,000 chance or higher |
| 3 | Possible e.g. 1 in 1,000 chance or higher |
| 4 | Likely e.g. 1 in 100 chance or higher |
| 5 | Very Likely e.g. 1 in 10 chance or higher |