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| Work/Activity: Airsoft Society General Risk Assessment |
| Location: Various Airsoft Sites, University of Southampton property (UoS), Southampton University Students’ Union (SUSU) property and potentially others.Dates: N/ATimes: N/ANumber of people: N/AActivity:This is a general Risk Assessment covering the most likely club activities including Airsoft Games, 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): Tilly Kemp | 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] |
| Tilly Kemp – Current (2018-2019) President of Airsoft Society, who has amended this risk assessment.Russell Frost - Current (2018-2019) Treasurer of Airsoft Society.(This risk assessment has been updated and amendedfrom an old copy created by Oliver Clark-Darby [no longer a part of committee, therefore is not responsible for Risk Assessments and/or H+S]. Please direct all queries to current Airsoft committee)Subsequent Committees will add theirown expertise to this pool ofknowledge and ensure the risk assessment remains up-to-date. | Club member since 2016 and airsofter with 2 years experience; also Club President for 2018-1019 academic year. Expects to attend SUSU H+S training, at some point in the near future, in capacity as Club Health and Safety Officer.Club member since 2016 and airsofter with 3 years experience. Also Club Treasurer for 2018-2019 academic year.Current Welfare Officer for Club. |
| Risk assessments linked |
| Any Risk Assessment pertaining to use of external Airsoft 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 |
| **Airsoft Game** | Impact of BBs on a person | Significantinjury toeyes, minorinjuries toface, minorimpactinjuries toany otherparts of thebody – thesecould affectall personspresent. | All activities will take place in acontrolled environment withsuitable netting in place toensure that no BBs exit theprescribed area with anyforce.All persons inside thecontrolled area will bewearing approved eyeprotection (this is mandatory)and are advised to wear full-face masks or eye pro inconjunction with a lower faceguard.Everyone will receive acomprehensive brief beforeentering the playing area.All weapons used on-site willhave been chronographed toensure they are firing within asafe limit. | 6 | Committee will bring spare eye protection, in case a member’s eye protection breaks or is lost. | Siteresponsiblefor hostinggame andensuring allplayers havesafe guns,wear their eyepro at alltimes and thatthe siteboundariesare defined. | 2 |  |
| Airsoft Game | Airsoft Gun notbeing made safein appropriateareas. | Potentialinjury toanybodyinside thearea. | Removing magazines and‘clearing’ a weapon ismandatory before entering anarea where you do not needto wear eye protection – socalled ‘Safe Zones’. | 3 |  | Rules enforced by the site marshalls  | 1 |  |
| Airsoft 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 ofthe club,members ofthe studentcommunityor membersof the public | Members offering to drivemust have a current, validdriving licence for the vehiclein question.Drivers will ensure theirvehicle is roadworthy, with current insurance, and the vehicle must have an up-to-date MOT test beforevolunteering to drive for asociety event.Drivers will ensure they are fitand able to drive beforevolunteering to drive for asociety event.In the case of hiring a Minibusfrom the Union, the minibusdriver and the society willcomply with all Uniondirectives regarding hire anduse of minibuses. | 4 |  | Volunteering drivers  | 2 |  |
| Travel to/from events | Driver becomes tired | Members ofthe club,members ofthe studentcommunityor membersof 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 ofthe club,members ofthe studentcommunityor membersof 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 RealisticImitation Firearmcould causeconcern. | Members ofthe club,members ofthe studentcommunityor membersof the public | They will be carried to andfrom the event in appropriate discreetgun bags, cases or boxes somembers of the public do notsee the weaponry beingtransported. | 2 |  | Whilstindividualmembers areresponsiblefor their ownkit the ClubPresident orEventOrganiser willmake sureclub kit isappropriately transported and that members comply | 2 |  |
| **Display** | Airsoft Gun could fire  | Members ofthe club ormembers ofthe studentcommunity. | All electric guns will have theirbatteries removed. No gas isto be brought to the display.Spring guns will not havemagazines placed into them.Any ammunition brought fordisplay purposes will bevacuum wrapped. | 2 |  | Club President or Event Organiser  | 2 |  |
| Display | Airsoft Gun could be stolen | Members ofthe club,members ofthe studentcommunityor membersof the public | Members will watch over theequipment, and signs postedwill inform members of thepublic not to touch theweapons without directsupervision of an individualmember. There will be twomembers on the stand all day,if at any point (due torefreshment/comfort breaks)there is only one member onthe stand, handling ofweapons will cease untilanother member returns. | 2 |  | Club President or Event Organiser | 2 |  |
| Display  | Sight of Realistic Imitation Firearm could cause concern. | Members ofthe club,members of the student community or members of the public | To avoid any confusion, signswill be posted at the table thatthese are replicas and appropriate safety measureshave been taken. They will becarried to and from the eventin appropriate gun bags, casesor boxes so members do notsee the weaponry beingtransported. The Union hasbeen informed by nature ofthis Risk Assessment andwhilst Members will beallowed to carry weaponsaround the stand, they will notleave 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 ofscrapes,bumps,pulledmuscles orpotentiallybrokenbones inextremis –anyone inunsuitablefootwearmay beaffected. | Players will be advised to wearsuitable footwear (i.e. boots with adequate ankle support) prior to arriving.Where practicable allslipping/tripping hazardsremoved or clearly identified.All playing fields are regularlywalked to identify andmark any new hazards. | 4 |  | Airsoft site hosting (if applicable) and Event Organiser or Club President  | 2 |  |
| General/Other Club Activities | Injury due to incorrect handling of heavy items | Memberssetting 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 wearappropriate footwear and clothing (i.e. waterproof clothing to ensure individuals remain dry and warm, and bring spare dry clothing to change into)Electricalitems, if in use, will be storedappropriately in waterproof containers. |  2 | Looking into the provision of a gazebo to cover the equipment and membersIf 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 airsoft 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 airsoft.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 presenton site at all times. All playersmust declare any known injuryor other ailment that mayprevent them participating inthe event(s).All first aiders should be madeaware of players who mayrequire specialist treatment.All players will sign adisclaimer following thestandard pattern for most UKsites.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 | Airsoft site hosting (if applicable) and Event Organiser or Club President | 2 |  |

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| SUSU H&S manager (where applicable): | Date: |  |

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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. |