Risk Assessment

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| Name of  activity, event, and location | Soft Tomahawk Throwing @ Wike Scout Campsite | Date of risk assessment | 28.05.2024 | Name of person doing this risk assessment | Sophie de Naeyer /Gill Marshall |
| Date of next review | 28.05.2025 or as needed |

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| What could go wrong?  What hazard have you identified?  What are the risks from it? | Who is at risk? | What are you going to do about it?  How are the risks already controlled?  What extra controls are needed?  How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs? | Review & revise  What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? |
| A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.  The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard. | For example: young  people, adult volunteers, visitors | Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk.  For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity. | Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you’re doing or even stop the activity.  This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review*.* |
| Inappropriate running of the activity causing injury to participants | All | * Access to the range to be limited to active participants only * Rope provided to mark out a playing area that should not be entered unless instructed to do so * All participants to be briefed on the safety aspects of the activity * Instructor to check the equipment prior to use |  |
| Injury to participants and instructors through incorrect use of equipment, accidental release or bounce back | All | * Safety briefing given to all participants by leader in charge of the activity * All participants should remain in the designated area in the range marked out by the ropes * No unauthorised access to the equipment or in the throwing area * No throwing to take place without supervision of an instructor * Only purpose made throwing items to be used * Participants to be warned of danger if they enter the throwing area * Participants to be briefed on not entering the range when others are still throwing |  |
| Over and side shoots, bounce back causing danger/harm to other participants | All | * Participants to be given clear instruction and demonstration on direction of throwing * Observation/waiting area to be at the rear of the activity * Retrieval of axes only to be indertaken when all axes have been thrown. |  |
| Participants’ behaviour causing danger/harm to others | All | • If in the opinion of the instructor the behaviour of an individual or the group as a whole is not conducive to running a safe session then the activity session should be stopped immediately and the person or persons causing concern removed |  |



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| Injury to participant/s and instructor/s | All | •  • | Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction on throwing a tomahawk  Instructor to demonstrate the correct method of removing the tomahawk from the target |  |
|  |  | • | Number of people at the throwing points to be controlled by the instructor. |  |
|  |  | • | A first aid kit should be kept in the activity area during the running of the activity |  |
| Equipment failure causing injury to participant/s or instructor/s | All | •  • | Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction on throwing a tomahawk Equipment to be checked regularly and particularly before use |  |
|  |  | • | All equipment damages to be reported to the warden on site/emailed to the campsite as soon as possible |  |
| Unauthorised use causing harm | All | • | Tomahawks to be removed from activity area and stored in the designated locked storage area |  |
| Manual handling of targets and stands | All | •  • | Two or more people to move the targets to the activity area  Those moving the targets to be informed of bending at the knees and not lifting more than they are able to do safely |  |
| Slips, trips and falls causing injury to participants | All | •  • | Activity area should be kept tidy and free from trip hazards Any spilt liquids or food to be cleared up immediately |  |
|  |  | • | Instructor to check that all shoelaces are tied up |  |
|  |  | • | Activity area to be fully lit at all times |  |
|  |  | • | All participants to be informed that they should never run in the activity area |  |

