

# Blackwater Valley Canoe Club

Site Guidance: Aldershot Lido Facilities



## Risk Assessment for weekly club sessions

Description of hazard	Possible consequences	Control measures	Severity	Probability	Risk
Slips, trips, falls on poolside	Bruising, strains, sprains, cuts, broken bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure awareness</li> <li>No running around the venue</li> <li>Education</li> </ul>	Minor	Occasional	Low
Strike by boat or paddle while in boat (non-polo)	Cuts, bruises, broken bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Aggressive' paddling not allowed</li> <li>Buoyancy aids mandatory for everyone</li> <li>Helmets are mandatory for under 14s</li> </ul>	Minor	Occasional	Low
Strike by boat or paddle while swimming in the water	Cuts, bruises, loss of consciousness, Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming forbidden by pool rules or swimmers segregated (except resulting from capsized)</li> <li>Education</li> </ul>	Serious	Remote	Low
Entrapment in kayak during capsize	Loss of consciousness, Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment selection and maintenance.</li> <li>Participant, Coordinator &amp; Safety Officer Training.</li> <li>Safety Officer and Coaches in attendance</li> <li>Bankside Support for additional Observations</li> <li>Lifeguard or First Aider can be contacted directly via Radio</li> </ul>	Serious	Remote	Medium
Physical injury or entrapment leading to drowning	Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> <li>Poolside safety officer &amp; coach(s) in attendance</li> </ul>	Critical	Remote	Low
Inexperience and Competency	Bruising, Cuts, bruises, broken bones, Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inductions and Education</li> <li>Inexperienced paddlers (Beginners/Improvers) are only permitted in a coaching group approx. 1:8 solo or 1:12 tandems</li> </ul>	Minor	Remote	Medium
Inappropriate Behaviour	Bruising, Cuts, bruises, broken bones, Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education through Code of Conduct</li> <li>Behaviour should be managed by Safety Officers, Coaches and Session Coordinators</li> </ul>	Minor	Occasional	Medium
Lifting and moving of equipment	Cuts, bruises, broken bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment Officer or Coach in attendance</li> <li>Route should be cleared</li> <li>Correct manual handling techniques</li> <li>Participants are not to enter boat store unless authorised or supervised by competent person</li> </ul>	Minor	Remote	Low
Unauthorised Access to the Lido Grounds and Pool Session	Unmanaged inductions, safeguarding etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gates should only be opened when a club official is present (i.e. committee member, safety officer or session coordinator)</li> </ul>	Minor	Occasional	Low

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All entrances and gates should be closed throughout the session</li> </ul>			
Spectators falling into the pool area	Bruising, Cuts, bruises, broken bones, Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bystanders are only permitted near the poolside if wearing a buoyancy aid</li> </ul>	Minor	Remote	Low
Visibility, due to poor lighting or heavy rain	Bruising, Cuts, bruises, broken bones, Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate PAT tested lighting that is water and weather proof can be used to light up the Surroundings</li> <li>Paddler headcounts should be repeated every 15mins to ensure visibility is maintainable</li> <li>If necessary early session end</li> </ul>	Serious	Occasional	Medium
Adverse Weather	Risk of Electrical Shock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All activities shall be stopped when a lightning storm is imminent. Paddlers should exit the pool and take shelter inside.</li> </ul>	Critical	Remote	Medium
Environmental: Damage to Pool Surroundings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pool surrounds and edge are to be inspected for damage caused by equipment and defects reported</li> </ul>	Minor	Remote	Low
Environmental: Contamination of the pool by boats e.g. mud, leaves		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All boats used for external paddling are cleaned and inspected by the user before entering venue</li> <li>Continual water recycling and treatment</li> </ul>	Minor	Occasional	Low
Environmental: Contamination of the pool by bodily fluids e.g. significant blood from cuts / nose bleeds.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buoyancy aids mandatory.</li> <li>Helmets mandatory for 'aggressive' paddling.</li> <li>Swimming (except resulting from capsized) forbidden by pool rules or swimmers segregated.</li> <li>Continual water recycling and treatment</li> </ul>	Minor	Remote	Low

Version	Description	Date	Revised by	Reviewed by
1.0	Fresh risk assessment completed for weekly Lido sessions	05/01/2017	Gemma Clements	Bob Hamilton
2.0	Revised section of risk assessment related to moving equipment	01/05/2023	Alex Tripp	Gary Tripp