

Risk assessment

Name of Section or Activity	Rifle Shooting Adventurous Activity	Date of risk assessment	28 th November 2020	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Tris Cocks
		Date of next review	April 2027		

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<i>Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.</i>	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. <i>For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.</i>	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Kickback – Injury to shoulder	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be trained in correct technique Activity leader to provide close supervision 	
Unauthorised person entering range - Injury	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notices to be placed on entry doors whilst shooting informing people not to enter until cleared by range supervisor Area to be closely monitored Participants are not permitted forward of the firing line unless cleared and permitted by the range supervisor Shooting to cease immediately should any unauthorised person enter the range 	
Slips, trips and falls	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement around the range will be kept to a minimum 'Fooling around' will be discouraged. 	
Failure of Equipment – Cuts or traps	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment is checked before each activity to ensure it is in good working order Any equipment that fails checks will be withdrawn to be repaired or replaced as required. 	
Persons hit by pellet – Injury	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules and briefings on the mishandling of the rifles will be made clear at the start and during the activity. Supervision of the activity will be by a suitable qualified instructor. Movement forward of the shooting line is not permitted during shooting or while rifles are loaded. Rifles to be kept pointing down the range at all times 	

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Deliberate Injury caused by misuse of unsupervised equipment	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rifles and equipment to be locked away when not in use Rifles and equipment must not be left without adult supervision when there are young persons present 	
Crushed fingers	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will be given clear instruction on how to use the equipment and correct handling procedures for reloading 	
Unauthorised Use	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rifles and equipment to be locked away when not in use 	
Behaviour	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will be informed of acceptable behaviour expected at the start of the activity Any contravention of the rules will result in the session being stopped and the participant withdrawn. 	
Supervision	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the activity is being led by a Scout Leader; they shall hold a valid Adventurous Activity permit for Shooting Supervision of YP to comply with Ratios listed on Activity permit and POR 	
First Aid	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one leader to hold a current first aid qualification and to have easy access to a first aid kit suitable for the activity. 	

Checked by Line Manager	Paul Woodward Assistant GSL 9 th December 2020	Checked by Executive	Lesley Dingle Group Chair 9 th December 2020
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Version Control

Date	Version	Changed by	Comments
28 th November 2020	1	Tris Cocks	Initial Version
28 th August 2023	1.1	Paul Woodward	Reviewed
17 th February 2026	1.2	Paul Woodward	Reviewed

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