

Hyde Park Sports Ground

Risk Assessment

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Table 1	Definitions of Likelihood
Descriptor	Description
5- Almost certain	Likely to reoccur on many occasions/a persistent issue
4 - Likely	Will probably re-occur, but not a persistent issue
3 - Possible	May occur occasionally
2 - Unlikely	Do not expect it to happen again but it is possible
1 – Rare	Cannot predict it will ever happen again

		Impact →				
		Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
Likelihood ↑	Almost Certain (> 1 in 10) 5	Medium 5	High 10	Extreme 15	Catastrophic 20	Catastrophic 25
	Likely (1 in 20) 4	Low 4	Medium 8	High 12	Extreme 16	Catastrophic 20
	Occasional (1 in 200) 3	Low 3	Medium 6	High 9	High 12	Extreme 15
	Unlikely (1 in 2000) 2	Very Low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	Medium 8	High 10
	Rare (< 1 in 10000) 1	Very Low 1	Very Low 2	Low 3	Low 4	Medium 5

Table 2	Definitions for Impact
5 - Catastrophic	Unexpected death, suicide, homicide, abduction, road traffic accident resulting in death, fire/explosion in which building becomes unusable etc
4 - Major	Possible permanent injury/ill health/damage/loss of function/serious breach of security, serious damage to property, medical device failure, serious assaults, attempted suicide etc
3 - Moderate	Possible semi-permanent injury/ill health/damage/loss of function/breaches of security, violence and aggression/high degree of self-harm, para-suicide etc
2 - Minor	Non-permanent injury, buildings left unsecured, self-harm, manual handling, slip/trip/fall with no severe damage
1 - None	No obvious injury or adverse outcome

Risk	Hazard / Impact	Measures to mitigate risk	Score (Likelihood x Impact)
Access			
Vehicular incident	Vehicles moving on site – collision with person / infrastructure / another vehicle.	• Separate fenced car park for vehicles. • 5mph speed signs displayed. • Separate pedestrian entrance into site. • Sufficient space on site for vehicle and pedestrian movement. • No visibility issues. • Marshalls to be in place for large events / fixtures.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Pedestrian safety	Pedestrians accessing the Sports Ground crossing the ERR / A38 / accessing the site – collision with vehicle.	• Pavement in place all the way into site. • Nearby pedestrian crossing with traffic lights to enable safe crossing of A38. • Ensure that grass around entrance and roundabout maintained well and grass cut regularly to ensure visibility.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 3 Score = 6
Vehicle obstruction on ERR / A38	Insufficient car parking or a number of cars trying to get access to the site causing queues onto the ERR / A38, impacting on highway safety.	• Large car park available on site, sufficient for use of a pitch. • Marshalling for large events / fixtures to enable prompt entry and exit from site. • Roundabout / ERR / A38 has two lanes at point of access.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 3 Score = 3
Unauthorised vehicle access / encampment	Unauthorised access to the sports ground and possible encampment on the sports ground, related issues with damage / rubbish.	• Retractable bollards installed. • Height restriction bar in place (to remain in place at all times unless access needed for high vehicle). • Steel gates with lock box installed. • CCTV over entrance gate / boundary to be installed.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 3 Score = 6
Loose stones on pathways / surfaces	Loose stones on pathways / tracks could result in a slip or trip.	• Monitor condition of pathways and remove loose stones.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Rugby provision			
Posts	Climbing / risk of fall from height / damage	• Terms and conditions state responsibility / liability. • Signage in place. • Terms and conditions state that site cannot be used by under 18s unless supervised by an adult.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 3 Score = 3
Floodlights	Climbing / risk of fall from height / damage	• Terms and conditions state responsibility / liability.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 3

Risk	Hazard / Impact	Measures to mitigate risk	Score (Likelihood x Impact)
		- Signage in place. - Terms and conditions state that site cannot be used by under 18s unless supervised by an adult.	Score = 3
Pitch surface	Holes / uneven surfaces	Monitor surfaces on a regular basis and prior to use.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Cricket provision			
Pitch surface	Slips / trips	Monitor surfaces on a regular basis and prior to use.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
General site			
Storage containers	Climbing	- Signage displayed on containers warning not to climb - CCTV in place.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
	Breaking into / damage	- Boundary fencing / height restriction bar / bollards in place to deter. - CCTV in place. - Insurance in place.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 3 Score = 3
Bunds / landscaping	Uneven surface, risk of slips / trips / falls.	- Bund to north fenced off – no access. - Bund to south accessible, area to be maintained. Climbing of bunds for spectating to be supervised and to only take place when authorised.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 3 Score = 3
Pond	Deep water, risk of drowning	- Deep water warning signs sited. - Life buoy ring in place. - Terms and conditions state that site can not be used by under 18s unless supervised by an adult.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Uneven ground	Risk of slips / trips / falls	Monitor surfaces on a regular basis.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Anti-social behaviour	Sports Ground may be used as a meeting place for young people and loud music / underage drinking / drug taking / shouting may take place.	- CCTV installed. - Boundary fencing and gates etc in place to prevent unpermitted access. - Damage / trespassing to be reported to the police.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 3 Score = 6

Risk	Hazard / Impact	Measures to mitigate risk	Score (Likelihood x Impact)
Broken glass	Risk of injury / cuts from broken glass.	- No glass signage in place. - Monitor pitch surface before use.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 4 Score = 4
Malicious damage	Risk of minor and major damage from wilful (and criminal activity)	- CCTV in place. - Damage to be reported to the police. - Regular inspection of site. - Insurance in place. - Contact details of the PC included on site signage. - Any identified repairs to be carried out promptly by competent and experienced person. - Area of damage can be fenced off using Heras fencing if there is a risk of injury / area is unsafe.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Litter	Poor reputation and bad publicity if the sports ground and the surrounding area isn't kept clean and tidy. Risk of illness from exposure to rubbish.	- Monitor site, litter picking equipment available. - Bins in place.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Dog fouling	Dog mess on the pitches or surrounding area – risk of illness from exposure to dog mess.	- Signage in place indicating that no dogs are permitted. - Monitor pitch surface before use.	Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2 Score = 4
Unauthorised use	Unauthorised use of the pitches without prior booking / permission.	- Boundary fencing / gate. - Booking system in place. - Ground in regular use by clubs to monitor unauthorised use. - CCTV in place.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 3 Score = 3
Damage by hirers / users	Damage to facilities during permitted use.	- Terms and conditions in place confirming liability / responsibility. - Use not permitted by under 18s unless supervised by an adult. - CCTV in place. - Insurance in place.	Likelihood – 1 Impact – 3 Score = 3