

COVID-19 restarting face-to-face Scouts risk assessment

Name of section or activity	SOFT AXE THROWING (self led)	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Luke Joseph	COVID-19 readiness level	See Covid alert notifications
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What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	Risk Level: Low – L Medium – M High - H	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What's changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Equipment failure	Participants	M	All equipment to be inspected before setting up and logged in accordance with the site inspection and replacement policy. Targets, Stands & Axes.	
Weather: sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather conditions	All involved	L	Sessions may have to be cancelled during periods of heavy rain and storms. Move to the Wood Badge Hall if possible. Dynamic RA to be carried out throughout the activity.	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e 1. Unauthorised entry into the activity/danger area 2. Retrieval of Axes from target/ground 3. Improper use	All involved	M	1. Activity area clearly defined when in use ensuring no possible entry from rear of targets. Waiting area is clearly designated. 2. Correct method of retrieving Axes demonstrated and monitored throughout session. i.e <i>collection from Target before floor!</i> 3. Members not using the equipment appropriately will be asked to leave the throwing area.	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. Overcrowding / Disorderly behaviour.	All involved	L	1. Group Leader must be present during sessions. 2. Group Leader must have control of the group at all times.	

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Blunt impact from axes	All involved	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All participants should be informed that although though they are made from plastic/foam they can still cause injury. 2. An exclusion zone should be enforced on the range to reduce the chances of anybody running in front of the axes during throwing. 3. Axes should never be thrown at other people or animals 	
Rebounding Axes	Thrower, Instructor	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to wear suitable footwear so the full foot is covered (no flipflops, crocs, sandals, bare feet). 2. Throwing line is clearly visible and supervised. 3. Targets are sufficiently distanced to avoid axes clashing in mid-air. 4. Only participants at throwing line. 	

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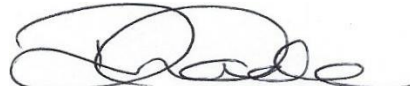
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The following precautions apply when Covid alert is changed from Green

Hygiene Risk of Spread	All	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to be provided with hand sanitizer before and after each use. Axes to be sanitized between groups. 	
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Maintaining Social Distancing	All	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Targets and Launch Point to be 2 metres apart. Group Leader to monitor and enforce group social distancing. 2 metre marks in waiting area 2 metre marks at throwing line for participants and instructor 	
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Track and Trace	All	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group to provide Hesley Wood with a list of participants in each activity group, to be retained for 21 days. Group Leader to notify Hesley Wood if any participant becomes a confirmed Covid-19 case after event. 	
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Checked by Line Manager	Andy Moore Operations Director Date: 06/06/2023 	Checked by County Executive	Richard Wade County Chair Date:08/06/2023 
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