

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

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| Name of section or activity | AXE THROWING | Date of risk assessment | 01/06/2023 | 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? |
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| 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, Angel Axes and Hawks | |
| 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. 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 Angel Axes from target/ground 3. Improper use | All involved | M | 1. Activity area cordoned off when in use ensuring no possible entry from rear of targets. Waiting area is clearly marked. 2. Area fenced off and group warned of any hazards. Visual checks of area by instructor throughout the session. 3. Correct method of retrieving Axes demonstrated and monitored throughout session. <i>Target before floor!</i> 4. 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. Max group size of 12 participants 3. If overcrowding of the area occurs, then refer to the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) 4. If group member's behaviour becomes dangerous follow the EAP for Disorderly behaviour | |

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| Sharp Edges on Angel Axes | All involved | M | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Axes to be transported to and from the range by instructors only. Maintain axes regularly and monitor damage. 2. Members to be shown the correct method of holding, throwing, and retrieving axes from the target. 3. Members warned of potential risk before session begins. 4. First Aid box to be taken to range area. 5. Supervision flow instructor. | |
| 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). 2. Throwing line is clearly visible and at a set distance away from target in accordance with current guidelines 3. Targets are at a set distance apart in accordance with current guidelines. 4. Only participants at throwing line. | |
| Clashing of Axes | Thrower | M | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burrs may be caused by axes clashing, careful retrieval from targets must be carried out. 2. Filing of axes after session or before next session. 3. Instructor should constantly monitor condition of axes and replacements sought when needed. 4. Spare Axes available for session. | |



The following precautions apply when Covid alert is changed from Green

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| Hygiene Risk of Spread | All | L | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants to be provided with hand sanitizer before and after each use. 2. Axes to be sanitized between groups. | |
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| Maintaining Social Distancing | All | M | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Targets and Launch Point to be 2 metres apart. 2. Group Leader to monitor and enforce group social distancing. 3. 2 metre marks in waiting area 4. 2 metre marks at throwing line for participants and instructor | |
| Track and Trace | All | L | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group to provide Hesley Wood with a list of participants in each activity group, to be retained for 21 days. 2. 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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