

GB Wild Water Racing

Site Specific Risk Assessment: The River Tay, Grandtully

Risk Assessment completed by Calum Urquhart. December 2023

Hazard (Step 1)	Who might be harmed? (Step 2)	How is the risk controlled? (Step 3 & 4)	Review & revision (Step 5)
Being hit by vehicle when crossing the road	Athletes, coaches, spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care should be taken when exiting from the river onto the road. No cars associated with any competitors, spectators or race officials should be parked in the finish lay by 	December 2023
Slipping on rocks at lower water levels	Athletes, coaches, spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take particular care at low water when rocks are greasy. 	December 2023
Entrapment on rocks / stoppers. Impact on major obstacles	Athletes and coaches on the water	<p>The course will have been inspected in the few days before the event to check that the river does not contain any unexpected obstacles or obstructions.</p> <p>There are a number of rapids on the race course. The river banks have trees on them in various places. All athletes are advised to avoid all trees on the river bank and in the river. In the event of a swim, do not attempt to reach the river bank if there are trees in that area. Only approach the river bank in areas clear of trees.</p> <p>Grandtully rapid contains many large waves and rocks. Particular care is required to avoid the large rock in mid-stream in Grandtully rapid as there is a risk of pinning if hit broadside. The normal race route is to the right of this rock, but if there is any difficulty encountered in crossing the flow above the rock, competitors should be aware that the route to the left of the rock is possible and may be safer in this situation.</p> <p>There is a large stopper in the fall below the bridge which can be avoided if the competitor familiarises themselves with the route. All competitors should remain on the water until the next 2 paddlers have crossed the finish.</p> <p>When water levels are changing, dynamic risk assessment will alter the structure of sessions or competitions to control hazards.</p>	December 2023

		If the river level is considered too high then the course may be changed for safety reasons.	
Capsizing. Injury or drowning.	Paddlers	All paddlers to wear buoyancy aids and helmets and advised at briefing of river hazards. GB WWR rules apply on boat buoyancy, footwear and kit will be inspected at check in to ensure it complies. No one will be allowed to race if their personal equipment and boat does not meet the requirements.	December 2023
Other canoeists and rafts getting in way	Paddlers and other water users	Competitors advised to be aware of other paddlers and rafts at race briefing.	