

Venue / Activity / Group Specific Risk Assessment COVID-19

Designated Coach(es) / Centre / Club Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club

Specified nature of paddlesport activity and environment/venue Symonds Yat, River Wye

Session Aims and Objectives WWR Race

1. Significant hazards and identification of risks <i>See overleaf – add any hazards peculiar to the specified session, activity or group</i>	2. Those who might be harmed <i>Number and age of the participants. Number of coaches/leaders. Any others at risk.</i>	3. Control measures	4. Residual risk rating <i>must be low otherwise reassess controls</i>
Personal injury whilst carrying canoes	All, particularly smaller paddlers	Race officials to advise two per boat where appropriate.	Low
Slips and trips. Location of boats near clubhouse.	All	Conditions of access steps to be checked and competitors advised if muddy/slippery	Low
Unable to exit canoe on capsize	Young/inexperienced paddlers	Where a neoprene or other potentially tight spraydeck is used, race officials to check that paddler can release it, or advise on alternative spraydeck.	Low
Drowning	All	All participants must wear an approved buoyancy aid. Race officials to ensure correctly fitted.	Low
Head injury	All	All participants must wear an approved crash helmet. Race officials to ensure correctly fitted.	Low
Damage to feet from sharp objects in river and river bank	All	Race officials to ensure appropriate footwear to be worn.	Low
Hypothermia	All, particularly young paddlers	Heated building at finish with hot showers. Hot drinks will be available. Club cags to be made available to competitors.	Low
Medical incident	All	A designated First Aider is identified at Control. First aid kits located in clubhouse. There is emergency vehicle access.	Low
Entrapment on trees / bridge pillars	Inexperienced paddlers	Course start point to be determined on the day based on review of prevailing conditions. Low overhanging branches to be cleared in advance of race. Safety to be positioned appropriately at critical points	Low

5. Risks not adequately controlled and the action to take when practicable to do more None

6. Procedure for risk assessment review (eg any special briefings?) Review at event

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7. General Safety Measures: Throwlines to be located at the bottom of the course with suitably competent people to use them

Completed by Alex Edwards

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