

RISK ASSESSMENT		FIELD SPORTS		Ref No.	A07
Baseline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Site Specific <input type="checkbox"/>		Vulnerable Person <input type="checkbox"/>	
Temporary <input type="checkbox"/>					
Activity Covered by this assessment:		Circus Skills, Field Games, Frisbee Golf, Parachute Games, Volleyball, Mini Olympics		Hazard References: A07/01 – A07/06	
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References:	Field Sports BRA, issued February 2011 (withdrawn)				
Date of issue:	27/02/12		Planned review date:	End February 2013	

HAZARDS

Hazard Ref.	Hazard description	Activities giving rise to risks	Control Measures	
			Static	Dynamic
A07/01	Field Sports – Activity area	Slips, trips and falls on uneven, thickly vegetated or heavily used surfaces causing bruises, grazes, sprains, strains and occasional broken bones.	S066, S067	D063, D008
		Bare earth surfaces yielding stones and dust in dry weather causing cuts and grazes to palms and knees and eye irritation.	S066	D057
		Collision with furniture, apparatus and other equipment in shared spaces causing bruises and banged heads.		D063
		Contact with thorny or stinging vegetation.	S066	
		Collision with or collapse of apparatus such as football goals or volleyball nets	S068	D063
		Proximity to other activity or out of bounds areas where the activity undertaken has poorly defined boundaries.	S066	D038
A07/02	Field Sports – Equipment use	Hit by whirled, kicked or thrown equipment causing bruises, eye injury or head injury.	S069	D052, D053, D055
		Entanglement or potential strangulation from parachutes.		D054, D024
		Tripping from becoming caught in a torn or otherwise damaged parachute, causing bruises, grazes, sprains, strains and occasional broken bones.		D013
A07/03	Field Sports – General participation	Collision with other participants in games that involve running or that take place in close company with other participants.		D055
		Exhaustion or dehydration from physical activity on hot or humid days.		D056
		Participation in games involving lying or crawling on the ground leading to cut or grazed knees, elbows and palms.		D057

RISK ANALYSIS

Ref.	Hazard	Who may be harmed	Likelihood	Severity	Risk
A07/01	Field Sports – Activity area	Participants	Low	Minor	Acceptable
A07/02	Field Sports – Equipment use	Participants, Teachers, Instructors	Low	Minor	Acceptable
A07/03	Field Sports – General participation	Participants	Low	Minor	Acceptable

RISK CONTROL

Control Ref.	Static Risk – Operational Controls
S066	Field Sports should take place in areas designated for the purpose that are separated from other activities and avoid areas of trip hazards, thorny or stinging vegetation, busy driveways and other out-of-bounds areas.
S067	Activities should be planned to avoid significant areas of trip hazards. Trip hazards should, where possible, be removed, access restricted or made highly visible.
S068	Fixed apparatus such as goal posts, basketball hoops and volleyball nets must be inspected on a 4 weekly basis and repaired or replaced as necessary.
S069	Explanation, demonstration and ongoing coaching are to be provided by an instructor trained in activity core skills and who is familiar with the activity session plan. Each instructor can supervise up to 16 active participants (15 students + 1 teacher). (32 for Field Games and Circus Skills).
Control Ref.	Dynamic Risk – Instructor Controls
D008	Check that all participants are wearing low heeled or flat shoes.
D013	Check the condition of activity area and equipment before you begin using it, and report defects that arise during the activity.
D024	Check that long hair is gathered up and tucked away, large or prominent jewellery and neckwear is removed and large pocket items are removed
D038	Brief participants on boundaries and any out of bounds or hazardous areas (such as adjacent activities), and watch for participants straying during the session.
D052	Ensure that sufficient space is available for the activity to allow individuals to participate without encroaching on others.
D053	Where equipment is to be kicked, thrown, etc. brief the participants to check that no-one is in the way before this happens, and remain vigilant to this throughout the activity.
D054	Stop any game that involves participants being wrapped in a parachute as soon as it reaches the participant's waist level.
D055	Brief participants to take care and be aware of who is around them.
D056	Monitor the condition of participants and take sufficient breaks if you feel they are becoming tired or lethargic.
D057	Check that all participants are wearing long sleeves and trousers for games that involve lying or crawling on the ground.
D063	Check that the activity area has an appropriate surface and is free of other equipment or obstructions that may be in the way.