

UNIVERSITY of OXFORD SPORTS DEPARTMENT				
OXFORD UNIVERSITY RISK ASSESSMENT				DATE: - October 2014
OCTOPUSH				
Who might be harmed	HAZARD	Risk	Control Measure in place	Further Risk reduction required Y / N
Participants	Drugs and Alcohol	Minor / Major injury	The Consumption of alcohol and non prescribed drugs is prohibited	
Participants	None qualified / insured instructors / coaches	Unsafe practice	Club Committee to ensure that the coach / instructor is qualified and insured and where applicable a CRB is completed	
Participants	Equipment failure	Minor / major injuries	Club Committee to ensure necessary equipment checks and servicing has been completed and documented	
Participants	Slips, trips , falls	Minor injury	Club Committee to ensure that the facility and is clean and fit for purpose	
Participants	Fire	Burns / fatality	Club Committee to ensure a safety brief at the beginning of sessions includes what to do in the event of a fire, location of nearest exits, fire assembly points.	
Participants Public	Travel	Major incident / accident , Fatality	Club Committee to check the insurance of car drivers. Drivers to comply with current Road Safety laws and have a full driving licence. Hire vehicles drivers MUST have passed the University accredited driving course. Drivers must be 21 or over. Trip resignation forms to be sent to the Sport Federation no later than 5pm on the Thursday before the fixture. Sports fed will forward the form to security services.	

			<p>The registration form for trips aboard MUST be sent a minimum of 1 month prior to the trip departing. Club Committee to supply Safety officer with travel insurance details and trip Risk Assessment.</p> <p>In the event of a major accident security services must be contacted 01865 289999</p>	
Participants	Undisclosed/unknown medical conditions e.g. asthma, epilepsy etc	Minor / major injuries	<p>Membership form requires all new and existing members to complete a declaration form for any pre-existing medical conditions. If fitness of a member is a doubt then they will be asked by the club to have a medical check-up from their doctor or college nurse. Asthma sufferers should take their inhaler onto poolside.</p>	
Participants	Poor swimming ability e.g. weak swimmers	Minor / major injuries	<p>All members must be able to complete a swim test to show the competence and fitness of the individual for the sport – in particular their ability to swim underwater, while holding their breath, for short periods, as is required by the Sport.</p> <p>The swim test comprises of: Prospective members must be able to swim 2 lengths wearing full equipment e.g. mask and fins and snorkel. Prospective members must swim one width underwater, whilst holding their breath. Prospective members must be able to retrieve a weight from the deepest end of the pool. Club to Follow sites EAP and NOP</p>	
Participants	Building Faults e.g. damaged tiles, poor water visibility, chlorine excess, slippery surfaces.	Minor / major injuries	<p>Any building or facility faults at the Venue should be reported to the Venue Duty Manager</p>	

Participants	Lighting failure during an Octopush session.	Minor / major injuries	<p>The Venue have a back up lighting system that will operate in the event of a prolonged power failure.</p> <p>The Venue's Duty Manager will evaluate whether sessions continue, based on the bathing load, number of lifeguards and available light , including 'natural' and 'back up' lighting. In the event of a total lighting failure, torches are stored in the Duty Manager's office, the first Aid room and the plant room. The Venue staff will obtain the torches and then give instructions to clear the pool.</p>	
Participants	Faulty equipment	Minor / major injuries	<p>The Kit Officer (or Coach or other Committee Member) is responsible for checking shared equipment prior to each session for any visible damage or defects which could cause injury to a club member.</p> <p>The club will follow BOA guidelines. To summarise: All masks must be of two-piece tempered glass or plastic. All snorkels must be flexible. The club will not condone the use of open foot fins.</p>	
Participants	Gulleys	Minor / major injuries	<p>Gulleys are lightweight aluminium. Corners have been made "safe". Members advised in their use.</p> <p>Members are to follow the following guidelines: Not standing on the gulleys Only one person holding a gulley section at a time Care to be taken when lifting stacked gulleys (follow safe lifting practises) Notify a committee member immediately if a gulley appears damaged</p>	
Participants	Jewellery	Minor / major injuries	No jewellery is allowed in any session. This includes locker keys.	
Participants	Chewing	Minor / major injuries	The chewing of gum in any session is not allowed by the club and any members found doing this will be	

			asked to leave the pool.	
Participants	Pool depth / Water	Minor / major injuries, Fatality	<p>Diving is not a part of the sport and will not be permitted during play. New members must be informed about the depth of the pool and potential hazards before they use the pool for the first time.</p> <p>A safety briefing by the club must include a reminder for swimmers not to hyperventilate during the session, as this can increase the chance of "shallow water blackout".</p> <p>Rescues will be carried out by trained lifeguards, and the Pool Alarm sounded. The Club President must receive a copy of the Accident Report Form from the Venue and this must be submitted within 1 day of the accident to the Safety Officer (Sport).</p>	
Participants	Playing at a venue other than the usual e.g. different procedures, rules.	Minor / major injuries	<p>The club members will abide by the rules of the hosting team and the instructions given by the pool staff at the venue.</p> <p>A safety briefing will be given by the hosting team or pool staff members.</p>	

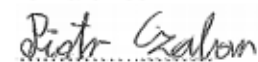
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