

Junior Club: Risk Assessment

This assessment is in addition to the risk assessment carried out by the host sports centre.

Identified Hazards	Risk Involved	Who is at Risk	Level of Risk	Precautions Taken	Additional measures necessary
Venue	Slippery (wet) Floor; unusable escape routes.	All present	Low The University check the venue before the fencing session.	Junior Club Administrator makes a further assessment of the playing area at the start of the session	Junior Club Administrator checks during the session that the fire doors do not get blocked with fencing bags.
Penetration injury	Where protective clothing fails to provide adequate protection.	Fencers	Low There has been no such injury in the last 25 years.	All equipment checked at an annual audit. Size 2 weapons used.	Coaches monitor the clothing worn during session.
Penetration injury	Where a blade breaks.	Fencers	Low There has been no such injury in the last 25 years.	All blades checked at an annual audit. Any soft blades are removed.	Coaches monitor the state (shape) of blades during bouts and replace any that appear to be a risk.
Eye injury	Where an accident occurs off the piste not in a fighting situation	Fencers	Medium	Weapons are distributed last and are the first to be put away. Juniors are taught about safety. Juniors are encouraged to report damaged weapons eg missing button. The coach : pupil ratio is kept within BFA guidelines.	Coaches monitor all individuals for careless behaviour. Offenders are warned. Persistent offenders have a letter sent to their parents. If there is no improvement membership is withdrawn.
Bruising	When hard hitting occurs	Fencers	Medium	Coaches teach the skills of light hitting.	Coaches monitor bouts and warn fencers who hit hard.
Muscle/joint injury	When injury occurs as a result of exercise	Fencers	Medium The risk increases when the fencer has not sufficiently warmed up.	All sessions start with a warm-up supervised by a professional coach.	None
Injury to spectators	When a fencer injures a non-participant	Parents	Low	Parents are segregated on benches away from the fencing pistes.	Junior Club Administrator checks during the session that parents do not stray.

Treatment of injuries	Access to medical facilities and care.	All	Low	The University takes responsibility for immediate first-aid and for communication with the emergency services. Two members of staff are available in the building during the fencing session.	None

Notes:

Safety is a standard item on the agenda for each committee meeting.

The safety procedure for checking club equipment is reviewed at regular intervals.

A report is made to the AGM of the number of accidents reported during the year.