


# Foxlease Park Risk Assessment



Location:		Marquee/walled Garden	Assessor:	A Dixon				
Date of Assessment		6/7/2025	Date of review	07/7/2026				
Description of area or activity		Fencing is an adventurous activity, that can be run in the dodge clear room or in an area outside space. Which involves the use of foils where participants battle against each other.			Technical Adviser (if applicable)		n/a	
Equipment used:		Foils, jackets, mass, clubs, plastron, chest protector an area, cones/rope if needed.						
Risk factor scoring colour codes				1 - 3	4-7	8- 10		
Hazard	Description of potential accident/injury/loss	Who is affected	Precautions/controls already in place	Risk Factor= S x L			Further control measures applied	Action by:
				Severity	Likelihood	Factor		
Miss use of Equipment	Bruises, abrasions and cuts	participants	Participants to be briefed on safe practise for carrying and using the foils. Safety equipment is to be worn, safety brief should be given who stop equipment to be left in a secure place when not in use.	3	1	3	See activity policy information on staff training and qualifications. The activity policy also includes equipment checking procedures	Session Leader
Equipment incorrectly fitted	bruises, abrasions and cuts	participants	All participants to wear full protective clothing including long trousers. Instructor to check all equipment is worn correctly as per training. Fencers must wear plastrons and jackets of appropriate size. Conforming at least to the minimum safety standard and bearing the appropriate CEN safety	3	1	3	All instructors treated trained to British Fencing Core Coach standard.  All equipment will be used as	Session Leader

			mark. The gauntlet must be long enough to cover approximately half of the forearm and remain over the sleeve of the jacket whilst fencing.				detailed in the SOP and in the accordance with the British Fencing Core Coach Award	
Foils-metal	injury due to being struck with a foil	All	Instructors to give a safety talk about the activity area boundaries who stop all participants to wear safety kit including long trousers. Spectators to remain in the safe area. Instructors to remain vigilant at all times and stop the command stop will be used if needed.	3	1	3		Session Leader
Failure of equipment	Injuries due to being struck with a foil	all users	All instructors trained in the procedure and methods of checking equipment. Equipment is checked before use in addition to regular ppe inspections by competent and qualified in-house staff.	3	1	3		Session Leader
Objects in the activity area	Injuries from collisions with objects causing bruises, cuts, abrasions, sprains from falling over.	Participants	Area I must be clear of obstructions. Any equipment not in use is to be moved from the activity area.	3	1	3		Session Leader
Participants	Collisions with other participants or spectators	All	Fencing takes place within a defined space, with the safety area for non-participants. Participants will be spaced out to minimise contact during rounds.	2	2	4		Session Leader
Heat exhaustion	dehydration, sickness, dizziness	all participants and instructors	Ensure regular breaks are in place and water available for this activity. Instructors should consider location of the activity in warm\ hot weather and use indoor venues .Due to the nature of the activity and the equipment	2	2	4	Use of monkey if available	Session Leader

			needed instructors must be vigilant especially in hot and warm weather.					
Insufficient adult help	Crowd control causing the instructor to need to intervene. Quick behaviour causing instructor to intervene. Safeguarding level is higher due to only one staff member present	all participants	Group leader\ supervising adult is responsible for the behaviour and the pastoral care of the group. However on occasion the leader may need to step away from the activity, the instructor has heard the relevant safeguarding training and will be aware of their position within the group. Instructors are aware if they need to, they can pause the session or have participants sit out.	3	1	3	Instructors can radio the office for another member of step staff for backup if required.	Session Leader
Foils-plastic	injury due to being struck with the foil	all participants	For all fencing with foam or plastic weapons a plastic face mask specifically designed for this purpose or a regulation face mask should be worn.	2	1	2		Session Leader
Foil striking chest	chest injuries in particular for female participants	participants	As per British fencing guidelines it's compulsory for women to wear Richard chest protection if using metal foils will stop it is recommended that girls wear rigid chest protection (shaped or flat) from the age of 10 or from the onset of puberty if earlier.	3	1	3		Session Leader
Wet weather, slippery terrain	slips and falls went participant, injury through using foils	participants	As per British fencing guidelines, activity can be run outside if it is Troy under foot. Into area to be used if not dry under foot	4	1	4		Session Leader
Hair/ jewellery\ clothing or other items getting trapped	Had trumpet injuries such as finger injuries or face injuries	All participants and session leader	All participants to tie long hair back and remove loose jewellery. Loose clothing to removed and secured. If a wedding ring cannot be removed take this offered to cover up the rings to prevent snagging as set out in the safe operating procedures.	1	2	2	Elastic bands for hair ties will be provided with the session leader's kit.	Session Leader

First Aid provision	All participants not receiving the correct 1st Aid treatment	Participants and Session Leaders	Foxlease Park instructor led sessions will have a 1st Aid kit on the session.	1	3	3	The reception will have a 1st aid kit and a first aider on standby.	Session Leader
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