

Risk Assessment: Rowley Park Stadium - Athletics

Date:	Assessed by:	Location :	Review :
23/7/21	Shaun Ainge	Rowley Park	March 2022 Covid-19 Ongoing

TRACK

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Risk Rating	What else can you do to control this risk?	Resultant Risk Rating	Action by whom	Target date	Complete
Other athletes	Athletes – injury through collisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track etiquette distributed to all athletes and coaches and available on website (athletes to warm up in outside lanes clockwise round track. Shout “track” to warn other athletes if they are unaware you are approaching) Coaches to liaise with each other regarding sessions to avoid clashes. 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New athletes to be briefed on track etiquette before and during first session 	L	All coaches and athletes	Ongoing	Ongoing
Footballers	Athletes / coaches – injury through being struck by footballs clearing netting around artificial pitches in centre of track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak to footballers to advise of possible injury to athletes 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask footballers to warm up at opposite end of pitches to where the majority of training is taking place 	L	Coaches / Park Rangers	Ongoing	Ongoing

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report ball strikes, near misses to Park Rangers to speak to teams 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase height of netting around pitches (unlikely though due to cost to facility providers) 				
Track condition	Athletes / coaches – injuries through slips / trips due to damaged or worn out track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk track to review condition before each session 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any adverse findings to Park Rangers 	L	Coaches	Before each session	Ongoing
Debris from overhanging trees	Athletes – injuries through slips / trips due to debris (branches / twigs etc) from trees near to outside of track near 300m start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk track to review condition before each session Park Rangers clearing debris following high winds 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any adverse findings to Park Rangers 	L	Coaches / Park Rangers	Before each session / Following high winds	Ongoing
Slippery track	Athletes – injuries through slipping on track in icy or snow conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise athletes to wear suitable footwear for conditions 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent athletes from training if they haven't got suitable footwear Cancel session if conditions are too dangerous 	L	Coaches	Before each session	Ongoing
Lighting conditions	Athletes / coaches – injuries due to not being able to see clearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain floodlighting. Repair lamps as necessary 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	L	Facility provider	As required for evening training sessions	Ongoing

JUMPING AREAS

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Risk Rating	What else can you do to control this risk?	Resultant Risk Rating	Action by whom	Target date	Complete
Compacted sand in long jump pits	Athletes – impact injuries through landing on compacted sand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raking sand before each session Facility staff occasionally deep digging pits to loosen sand 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility staff to introduce regular deep digging of pits into maintenance regime Refill sand to level of pit as required 	L	Coaches to rake before each session Facility staff / Facility provider	Before each session for raking Other items as required	Ongoing

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Other athletes / coaches	Athletes / coaches – injuries caused by collisions between athletes using runways and others crossing runways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise athletes of possible hazard 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place cones alongside runway near gated entrance to track to discourage people from walking across 	L	Coaches of athletes using runway	10/12/18	Ongoing
Runway / jumps area condition	Athletes / coaches – injuries through slips / trips due to damaged or worn out surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk jumps areas to review condition before each session 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any adverse findings to Park Rangers 	L	Coaches	Before each session	Ongoing
High jump / pole vault beds	Athletes – injury through landing on damaged beds or beds not fastened or positioned correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check conditions and positions of beds before use Replace bed covers after use 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any damage to Park Rangers 	L	Coaches	Before each session	Ongoing

OUTSIDE THROWS AREA

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Risk Rating	What else can you do to control this risk?	Resultant Risk Rating	Action by whom	Target date	Complete
Implements	General Public / athletes / coaches – significant injury if struck by implement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throws area cordoned off by facility staff prior to sessions Athletes supervised Throws not commencing until instructed by coach Throws coaches to liaise to ensure recovery of implements is not carried out whilst other athletes throwing 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	L	Facility staff Coaches	Before and during each session	Ongoing
Throws cage	General Public / athletes / coaches and damage to property due to implements travelling outside safety sector due to damaged netting / incorrectly positioned gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspect netting prior to each session Adjust gates as required 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility providers to introduce inspection and maintenance regime on netting 	L	Facility provider Coaches	Before each session	Ongoing
Javelin runway condition	Athletes / coaches – injuries through slips / trips due to damaged or worn out surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk javelin runway to review condition before each session 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report any adverse findings to Park Rangers 	L	Coaches	Before each session	Ongoing
Throws circle	Athletes – injuries through slips due to debris / water / ice in circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear circle to remove debris before use if necessary 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	L	Athletes / coaches	Before each session	Ongoing

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Hammers	Athletes – possible injury in retrieving hammers stuck high up in netting	•	M	• Ask Park Rangers to recover hammer as they will have correct equipment	L	Facility staff	If required	Ongoing

COVID-19 (NOTE:- CURRENT GUIDANCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND ENGLAND ATHLETICS TO BE ADHERED TO)

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Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	General Public / athletes / coaches / anyone else who comes into contact with infected person	Reminding athletes and coaches to be reminded of Government advice in relation to hygiene. Providing hand sanitiser for athletes and coaches use.	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain responsible level of social distancing by not talking face to face within 1m of one another and avoiding unnecessary physical contact • Avoid entering buildings at track wherever possible. • Any person showing Covid-19 symptoms should not attend the track and should isolate in accordance with Government guidelines • Athletes should avoid spitting on the floor within the area of fencing surrounding the track or the throws area. Wherever possible, tissues should be used to catch spit 	M	Athletes / coaches	Before and after each session and during if required	Ongoing
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	General Public / athletes / coaches / anyone else who comes into contact with infected equipment surface		H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean hands before and after each session (and during if necessary) if any equipment has been handled. • Clean equipment with cleaning product provided, before and after session 	M	Athletes / coaches	Before and after each session and during if required	Ongoing

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Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	General Public / athletes / coaches / anyone else who comes into contact with infected person or surface in changing facilities or clubroom		H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training fees to be collected in well ventilated area (preferably outside) with social distancing maintained • Collection of fees from the larger training groups to be taken by the coaches of those groups to avoid risk of queues forming to pay • Contactless card payment facility to be used where possible 	M	Club committee / Facility provider	Before session	Ongoing
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing rooms only to be used where absolutely necessary and, if so, time spent in the same room as another person should be avoided where possible. Athletes to be changed ready on arrival at track 	M	Athletes	Before session	Ongoing
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets and building surfaces to be regularly inspected and cleaned using appropriate cleaning products, methods and equipment • Athletes, coaches and anyone else who comes into contact with any surfaces within the building to wash hands in accordance with Government guidance 	M	Facility provider / all users	When using facilities	Ongoing
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	General Public / athletes / coaches / anyone else who comes into contact with infected person or surface of equipment used for high jump, long jump or pole vault		H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes / coaches and anyone else involved in touching equipment involved in high jump, long jump and pole vault to clean hands in accordance with Government 	M			

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				<p>Guidance prior to handling equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes are not allowed to use jumps equipment without a coach supervising the session • All high jump / pole vault equipment to be cleaned by the coach prior to training session by spraying with a disinfectant in accordance with Government Guidance and the COSHH assessment for the disinfectant product. • The high jump / pole vault bed and equipment is also to be spray cleaned by the coach on completion of each session with a group of athletes. • Throughout the session, other high jump equipment (eg bar, uprights) is to be cleaned before being handled by each different user. • The sand in the long jump pit is to be raked / turned over prior to each session and the sand and other long jump equipment is to be sprayed, by the coach, with disinfectant in accordance with Government Guidance and the COSHH assessment for the disinfectant product.. • The sand is to be raked prior to each different athlete jumping. • At the end of each training session, all long jump equipment is to be cleaned by 		Athletes / Coaches / Helpers	When training for jumps	Ongoing

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				<p>the coach in accordance with Government Guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the session, long jump equipment (eg rakes, brushes, tapes) is to be cleaned before being handled by each different user. • All people involved in a jumps training session to clean hands prior to leaving the training session 				