

RISK ASSESSMENT: Aeroball

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What is the Hazard?	Who may be harmed?	How might people be harmed?	Risk Rating			Control Measures in Place	Remaining Risk		
			Probability	Severity	Risk		Probability	Severity	Risk
Collisions	Participants	Bruises, concussion	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only one participant is allowed in one pod at one time. All pod netting is secure so that they cannot move between pods. Person in charge of the session will make sure there is always only one person in each pod. Safety rules must be read to group before entering the pod. 	1	1	1
Trips, Slips and Falls	All	Cuts, bruises and grazes	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants must remove their shoes before they enter their pod. The rules state shoes must be taken off, but socks must be worn. Participants must ensure their pockets are empty. Participants are not to run inside the fenced area. Participants advised to take care when entering and exiting the pods. 	1	2	2
Exposure/ Hypothermia and Sunburn	All	Sunburn, high temperature and dehydration.	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and participants must make sure they have suitable clothing prior to the activity. Staff and participants to drink plenty of water. Sun cream to be applied when needed. 	1	3	3
Group Behaviour	All	Loss of control of the group, participants being distracted/ not listening.	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Leaders are to ensure that the group is under control at all times. Instructor has the right to stop the session if they deem the participants' behaviour to be dangerous. Instructor to check with group leader at the start of the session for any neurodiverse participant's and make sure control measures are in place to appropriately manage their needs. 	1	2	2
Injuries to the Neck and Back	All	Strains, sprains and breaks	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign in the compound with information to warn about and prevent this. Participants are instructed not to land with locked knees or an arched back. Sign indicates no gymnastics, instructor to re-iterate. People with a history of injuries are warned about the use of the activity. Only one person per pod to reduce collisions. 	1	4	4
Strangulation	All	Strangled from loose clothing or jewellery	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are told to remove any jewellery or loose clothing before taking part in the activity. 	1	3	3

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Entrapment Within the Springs	All	Bruises and breaks.	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Padding is placed over the springs where the participants may come into contact with them. Spectators are told not to get too close to the springs round the edge of the Aeroball netting. Spectators are told not to sit on the side of the Aeroball structure. Periodic checks are recorded about the condition of the springs, covers and net. 	1	4	4
Being Hit by the Ball	All	Bruises, cuts and breaks	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only soft balls are used to minimize injury. 	1	3	3
Equipment Failure	All	Musculoskeletal injuries, cuts, bruises from collapse of equipment/sharp edges	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment is inspected periodically and anything faulty is removed from use immediately, recorded and repaired or replaced. All equipment is visually checked by the instructor prior to being used. Items deemed to be faulty are removed from use immediately, logged and placed in the quarantine bin. As per policy 5.3 faulty or damaged equipment. 	1	3	3
Unauthorised Use/Access	All	Incorrect use resulting in injury	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gates are locked when not in use. Equipment is locked in a secure location. 	1	3	3

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Level	Likelihood Factor	Severity Description
1	Very Unlikely	Insignificant – No injury or No First Aid required.
2	Unlikely	Minor – Minor injuries requiring first aid such as cuts, grazes, bruising.
3	Fairly Likely	Moderate – Injuries resulting in up to three days' absence from work.
4	Likely	Major – Injuries resulting in a week or more absence from work, for example broken bones, deep cut etc.
5	Very Likely	Catastrophic – Amputations or Death.

Remaining Risk Level	Description
1-5	Very low, minimal risk, control measures more than adequate
5-10	Low, control measures satisfactory
10-15	Medium, control measures adequate
15-20	High, control measures need further consideration
20-25	Very high, intolerable, stop Job