

3rd Brampton Scouts - Risk Assessment for : Fencing

Location:	Queens Park	Assessor/Leader in charge	Sharon Jervis
Date of assessment:	22/04/2022	Number of participants in activity (adults and young people):	Open Day – participants unknown
First Aid (a first aider should be appointed who is aware of all medical details, will administer medication and first aid if necessary)	Please state the name of the leader who will be nominated the first aider:	Sharon Jervis	

<u>Risk/Hazard</u>	<u>Who might be involved</u>	<u>Control Measurers</u>	<u>Comments/Review/Revision</u>
Environmental conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather • Surfaces • Surrounds • Temperatures • Isolation • Plants 	Young people Spectators Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure participants are wearing appropriate clothing • Assess weather conditions before and during activity (e.g. temperature, storms) • Check and assess surrounds for loose items, debris and hazards and suitability of participants. • Consider hazards associated with types of fencing material, gates and other infrastructure. 	
Physical exertion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strains and sprains • Cramps • Exhaustion and fatigue • Slip and fall 	Young people Spectators Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the suitability and competency of young people participating in the activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constantly monitor young people for fatigue and exhaustion • Participants to be made aware that the activities involve fast movements be aware of falls slips and trips. • Warm up activities for all participants “musketeer tricks” • Site assessed for potential hazards such as slippery floors, wet spots, dusty surfaces. Clean prepare area as necessary. 	
Obstructions surrounding hazards	Young people Spectators Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there is an area clear from obstructions like tables, chairs, signs and swinging doors 	
Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment failure 	Young people Spectators Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct regular equipment checks prior to start of sessions. • Check for worn or faulty equipment • Supply all equipment in a clean and serviceable condition 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check equipment before use • Provide specific (verbal) training in and awareness of safety requirements. • Foil button tips inspected before use . Button to be present on foil tip before any play. Instruct participants to constantly monitor foil button tip to make sure it is present and is not broken. 	
<p>Injury from foil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strike to face, arm or eye <p>Injury from pommel</p>	<p>Young people</p> <p>Spectators</p> <p>Leaders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All young people to have helmet remain on when any fencing is being conducted • Show young people safety area where they can put foil down and then proceed to safety area before removing mask. Mask can only be removed in safety area • whenever touching a foil plastron “protective jacket” face mask must be worn • Foils “swords” may only be picked up under the direction of the instructor • Ensure that the young people know where and how to move whilst changing activities or partners, don’t walk through centre of the fencing area, always around the back. • Supervise approach to fencing areas at all times • Use a very clear command sequence to inform the participants when to start and stop fencing as “on guard “ Ready” “fence “ “halt” 	
<p>Contact to arm or armpit</p> <p>Contact injury from foils when doing tricks</p>	<p>Young people</p> <p>Spectators</p> <p>Leaders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruct students regarding safety rules and procedures including the following • Do not run while carrying a weapon • Do not take pick up a weapon unless invited to do so • Do not run at your opponent • Do not throw a weapon or any other fencing equipment • Make sure you obey all commands from the instructor, especially “halt” meaning stop all activities immediately • When waiting for instructions, always point the weapon tip down • Treat your opponent fair • Any young person engaging in violent actions or hits delivered with undue violence or hits delivered intentionally at any parts of the body other than the target area is to be excluded from participating • Only ever aim for the allocated target, there are no swings or slashes, only the chest abdomen is the target which is the area of the plastron. • Instruct “parry” to suitable aged participants, recommended years 6 and 	

		<p>above. The parry is a defensive strike where two swords hit then attack. Instruct participants with demonstration on how to perform a safe parry. Eg. no sideways striking as to hit legs or arms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor train participants in awareness of “touch” with foil tip not “strike” • A distance of two metres apart from each participant when doing “musketeer” Tricks 	
Covid 19	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are shared – cleaning and sanitizing in between wearers must be undertaken • Foil handles cleaned and sanitized after each bout. • Keep distance of at least 1 metre • Provide hand sanitizer upon entry 	