

Risk Assessment - Playing Croquet

Main Risks Associated with the Playing of Croquet

Date of Risk Assessment [INSERT DATE]

Hazard	Who Might be Harmed	Control/Precautions	Any Further Action Required with Timescale and who will be responsible	Date Completed
Tripping (Equipment)	Players, Coaches, Referees	Hoops, balls and boundary boards all present a trip hazard. Be alert at all times and take care when stepping over items, particularly boundary boards when entering/leaving the court. Avoid walking backwards.		
Tripping (Surfaces)	Players, Coaches, Referees	A well maintained croquet court should generally be free from trip hazards. However care should be taken to ensure that any damage (eg rabbit holes) is avoided and repaired as soon as practical. In addition to the court itself take care getting to and from the court and surrounding areas, particularly where uneven or sloping.		
Slipping	Players, Coaches, Referees	Court surfaces and surrounding areas, including grass, can generally more slippery when wet. In wet conditions be alert and take care.		
Being struck by a ball	Players, Coaches, Referees	Take care if attempting to stop a fast moving ball, consider not doing so. When playing a shot be aware of the presence of others on the court, particularly when double-banking and make sure that they are alert if a ball might travel in their direction.		
Being struck by a ball	Spectators	Ensure that spectators remain outside the boundary boards where these exist and outside the court in other cases. Spectators in proximity of a court should remain alert and watch the game in case balls travel in their direction.		
Being struck by a mallet	Players, Coaches, Referees	Court users should keep a safe distance from each other whilst shots are being played. Care should be taken to avoid striking oneself with ones own mallet, particularly between strokes. Referees should take particular care to ascertain the nature of the stroke which a player is about to play and to ensure that they adopt a position where they are not in danger of being hit. Mallets should not be thrown.		
Muscle Injuries	Players, Coaches, Referees	Care should be taken when setting up and dismantling the court. Equipment should be transported using any trollies or similar items provided for the purpose. Do not carry too much equipment at any one time. When removing hoops from the court if they are not loose and readily extracted use equipment provided for the purpose (eg hoop lifters, hoop mallets). Players should warm-up before play, beginning with gentle shots.		
Sunburn/Sunstroke	Players, Coaches, Referees	In sunny weather suncream should be applied and hats worn as appropriate. Sufficient fluids should be drunk.		
Lawn Treatments	Players, Coaches, Referees	If treatments have been applied to courts, those using them should be made aware and advised as to the precautions necessary eg the court not being suitable for play, or the need to wash hands afterwards etc		
Maintenance Equipment eg Lawnmowers	Players, Coaches, Referees	Play should not take place on a court whilst it is being maintained.		

Any accidents which occur should be reported to a member of the committee as soon as practical and recorded in an Accident Book along with any relevant factual information eg weather conditions.

Date of Next Review

[INSERT DATE]