AGE GRADE RUGBY - RISK ASSESSMENT

Formation: Assessor:

Activity/Exercise: **Youth Section Rugby Activity** Date Assessment:

Steps relate to the Risk Assessment Process Generic Risk Assessment: **No**

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| 1 | Rugby Related Activities | Pitch  Unsuitable grass pitch conditions  E.g. Uneven ground, potholes, pitches flooding, which could lead to a greater chance of injury.  Foreign objects on pitch e.g. glass. | The coaches will check and clear the pitch before each session.  If necessary, use alternate pitch. The final decision rests with the Youth Chairperson. | Yes | None | Yes |
| 2 | Rugby Related Activities | Weather conditions | Should weather conditions deteriorate during a session,  the senior coach must use their judgment and seek alternate indoor activities or cancel.  Ensure the correct footwear is used for the conditions. | Yes | A decision must be made by the Youth Chairperson in the event of extreme adverse weather conditions on whether the event should take place. For example, icy pitch conditions, poor visibility, or flooding.  Parents to be advised to apply/supply (self-application only) suncream and ensure wet weather gear and change of clothes are also sent with their child(ren). | Yes |
| 3 | Rugby Related Activities | Goal Posts / Other static hazards | Goalposts on pitch should be checked and confirmed safe prior to commencing by the coaching staff. Ensure posts are padded with post protectors in areas where training is taking place.  Training to take place away from trees/lampposts etc. Post protectors to be wrapped around any static hazards in areas that are to be used. | Yes | None | Yes |
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| 4 | Rugby Related Activities | Minor and Major Injuries | Sufficient First Aid trained personnel and equipment for each age group.  All coaches advised, no First Aid cover, no train or play. | Yes | Team managers to have medical declaration form from parents/guardians listing allergies, asthma and if they carry an inhaler, which should be supplied by the parents on the day.  All cuts and bruises are to be treated by first aiders wearing disposable gloves.  First aid table established near tunnel manned by first aiders  All injuries requiring treatment logged on Proactive app | Yes |
| 5 | Rugby Related Activities | Clothing / Jewelry | Appropriate Rugby clothing to be worn, no zips advised, Rugby boots and trainers depending on pitch conditions / weather.  Change of clothing in the event of child becoming cold/wet advised.  Must wear protective pads (on med advice), gum shields advised to be worn by all attendees when conducting any impact training.  Jewelry – causing injury to others or the wearer. | No | Parents of pre booked places to be issued with kit list in advance, general guidelines to be included in all posters / forms.Insist all jewellery is taped over or removed. Coaches to observe and ask for jewelry to be removed if likely to cause injury. | Yes |
| 6 | Rugby Related Activities | Facilities | Provide adequate warm, dry changing facilities, with refreshments available to all attendees.  Information point to be created for all teams and players to help with first aid, refreshment, fixture queries.  Indoor facilities to be provided in the event of poor weather or cancellation.  Separate toilet facilities for male/female will be available.  Lost child point created by information point. | Yes | Parents / Players to be advised to provide drinks in named bottles for their child(ren) to last whole day. Only youth players and DBS’d coaches enter the changing rooms when children are present.  Coaches to have completed relevant Safeguarding courses. |  |
| 7 | Rugby Related Activities | Dehydration/  Exhaustion | Insist on water being brought to matches by all players. Act on the advice of coaches and officials if the player is unfit to continue. | Yes | Parents told to supply drinks for the day.Team water bottles to be filled as back up, |  |
| 8 | Rugby Related Activities | General | No unauthorized vehicles allowed near the pitches other than ambulance if necessary. | No | Mark off parking areas and control access. | Yes |
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| 9. | Rugby Related Activities | Attendance | Attendance Registers to be undertaken by each age group.  Coaching must achieve minimum player to coach ratios to proceed. | No | Coaches or nominated person to ensure each child is collected by the child(rens) parent or nominated guardian. | Yes |
| 10. | Spectators | Distraction of attendees from activities. | Spectators are to be briefed on the standards expected from members and spectators.  All persons are to be reminded of the Health and safety implications of inappropriate behaviour. | Yes | Team Manager / Coaches to monitor pitch side behaviour.  Zero tolerance. | Yes |
| 11. | Safeguarding | Attendees Welfare /  Coaching staff protection. | RFU regulations for each age group to be followed.  All coaches to be qualified to RFU minimum standard of coaching.  All coaches to hold current DBS.  All occasional helpers over 16 without either of the above to be supervised by DBS’d coaches at all times.  Register of attendees to be kept with permission, medical and contact numbers for parents. | Yes | Coaches aware of job role and responsibilities.  Safeguarding team visible and present.  Team Managers to take a Safeguarding role and ideally have completed Play It Safe. |  |
| 12. | COVID-19 | Attendees Health & Welfare /  Coaching Staff protection | Sufficient First Aid Cover provided with personal protective equipment available for First Aiders | Yes | Parents to be made aware not to attend if they or their child have COVID symptoms. |  |
| 13. | Dynamic Risk Assessment | Constantly aware of the environment or activity. | Lead Coach to apply a Dynamic RA, prior and during the activity. | Yes |  |  |

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| **Additional Comments:**  **RESPONSIBILITY - The responsibility of ensuring that safety rules are obeyed rests in the first instance with every individual player, but the overall and greatest responsibility must rest with the adult responsible for the activity being carried out.**  **RESPONSIBILITY - All Adult Volunteers/pastoral carers have a Duty of Care for the players throughout all activity. The adult in charge (AIC) of a particular activity is to be appropriately qualified. A safety brief is to be given to players prior to an activity or exercise so that, as minors, they are fully aware of any dangerous activities and the control measures which are in place to protect them from harm.**  **RESPONSIBILITY – In the event of a serious accident occurring, where subsequent enquiry reveals that these safety rules were not obeyed, the adult in charge at the time of the accident will be called to account.**  **Rules, however numerous, can never cover every eventuality and so are not a substitute for common sense. When confronted with a situation not covered by these rules, both adults and players should use their common sense in avoiding dangerous situations liable to lead to accidents.**   |  | | --- | | **ACCIDENTS GENERALLY RESULT FROM:**   1. **IGNORANCE of safety rules.** 2. **CARELESSNESS or INDISCIPLINE in not obeying the rules.** 3. **OVER-ESTIMATION of the physical and/or mental stamina of cadets.** 4. **FAILURE TO ENSURE that the rules are read out and understood by all concerned.** 5. **FAILURE to conduct a Risk Assessment or ensure the Safe System of Training is in place.** | |  | Bystanders/Public | * Ensure all persons are stood back and   clear of the MRW prior to and during the erection process | **NO** | * The operator and a minimum of one   assistant are to watch the MRW and the ground area immediately adjacent | **YES** |