**Risk Assessment: Matches**

**Season 2025/26 Date 27.08.2025**

**Venue(s): The Warriner School & Bloxham School Dewey Centre**

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| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Control measures** |
| **Facilities and Equipment** | **Low** | Coaches to arrive early and check the venue prior to players arrival. Coaches to ensure the court area is clear of any trip and slip hazards, sufficient run off court with no obstructions and posts are fitted weighted correctly.  If there any issues with the venue, the facilities manager on site will be notified.  All equipment will be checked prior to matches to ensure clean and fit for purpose. All players moving objects i.e. posts etc shall do so if a safe controlled manor. |
| **Minor injury from participating , i.e. ankle sprains, sprained muscles** | **Medium** | All players to perform an effective warm up and cool down. If any players are late, they will be asked to complete their own warm up before joining the match.  All players/parents will be given advice on appropriate clothing to include; trainers, and clothes.  ALL Jewellery must be removed – only exception is a plain wedding ring which can be taped. Nails must be short, long nails will need to be cut before participation.  1st aid bag will be present at all matches in kit bag. First aiders will ensure the kit contains everything needed, i.e. ice packs.  If any player is bleeding (cuts/grazes), they must leave the court immediately until wound is sufficiently treated. |
| **Major injury, i.e. broken bones, dislocations, concussion** | **Low** | Every match will have at least 1 qualified first aider and first aid kit. During emergencies an ambulance will be called, nearest A&E is the Horton Banbury. Player’s emergency contact will be called and notified of incident. Coaches / Team Managers will have access to emergency contact information.  Accident form will be completed by relevant person(s). |
| **Dehydration** | **Medium** | All players are asked to bring water bottles with them. Each sports hall has a fresh water tap to refill bottles if required.  During hotter weather, matches may be modified to avoid heat exhaustion. |
| **Player well-being** | **Low** | All players must adhere to the club’s behaviour and anti-bullying policy. All players are encouraged to bring to the attention of the coach or manager any conditions/injuries that may affect their participation in matches. If a coach believes a player cannot participate safely, they will be asked not to part.  All players are encouraged to speak to their coaches/committee members if they have any safeguarding concerns.  Junior players are to be dropped off and picked up at the door by a parent/guardian. Spectators must observe from viewing areas only i.e. behind the fence.  All filming must be agreed prior to the match and appropriate paperwork must be completed. |
| **Fire evacuation** | **Low** | In the event of a fire, everyone will be asked to leave the building immediately. The coaches will conduct a register outside at the venue’s assembly point. No players are to re-enter the hall until deemed safe.  Emergency services will be called. |