



FOUR OF CLUBS RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Introduction

This Risk Assessment has been carried out for individual training sessions held at 190 Ashurst Road, Manchester M22 5AZ

All sessions are weather dependent and although safe, covered space is available, the sessions may be cancelled at short notice if the coaches judge that conditions are too cold, wet or too hot for safe training. Parents and fencers should ensure they are appropriately dressed for the outdoors. Fencers should wear clean, hygienic kit and have a coat or similar to keep warm before and after exertion.

Nature of Activity	Fencing
Venue	190 Ashurst Road, Manchester M225AZ
Date (if this a recurring activity, give the dates of its inception and its frequency thereafter)	Morning/Afternoon – on going
Group or Employer (if appropriate)	Not applicable
Anticipated Number of Participants	Up to 10
Age Range of Participants	6 years of age and upwards

Name of Coach/Leader	Isobel Bruce Combes / Philip Bruce
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Date	Reviewed 26/03/2021

General	
Coaches	Coaches are BF Registered and delivering training in accordance with qualification level, government guidelines and BF policies and procedures
Fencers	Fencers (apart from beginners attending a one off taster session) must have valid membership of BF – this will be checked online prior to the session. Fencers must also confirm that their health and fitness is appropriate for training.
U18s	At least one parent must be present during 1to1 sessions. A sanitised chair will be provided – it is recommended you also bring a towel to sit on. Club Welfare Officer is contactable. Club Child Protection Policies in place. Welfare details can be found on the website.
Parking	Please be aware that parking may be difficult between 2:45 and 3:20, due to proximity to the school. Please do not carry weapons on the street – these should be kept in a closed bag until fencing starts.



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4 Major	4 Serious	

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Hazard	Cause/Risk	Consequence	Who Might Be Harmed	Before Control		How is the Risk Controlled	Action by Whom	After Control	
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Falling/slipping or Covid-19 transmission via the floor	Dirty/wet floor	Minor Injury	All Persons	2	2	Suitable mats will be used for all sessions and these sanitised at regular sessions. No sitting down or hand contact with floor. If this happens accidentally, hand sanitiser must be used.	IBC/PB	2	1
Falling over equipment	Fencing bags, equipment etc. left lying on the floor	Minor injury	All Persons	2	3	All fencers' personal equipment to be placed away from fencing area.	IBC/PB	3	1
Penetration with a blade	Broken damaged blade	Death/serious injury	Fencers	4	4	Inspect weapons and clothing regular. Ensure adequate supervision and training is provided. Familiarize participants with the rules	IBC/PB and Fencers	4	2
Personal Protection Equipment	Personal Harm/Injury	Major Injury	Fencers	4	3	Insist adequate (correctly fitting and clean) protective clothing be worn and used correctly. Advise fencers that all clothing and weapons should be checked regularly for damage etc.	IBC/PB and Fencers	2	2



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Impact with fencer/spectator/ Weapon etc.	Personal harm/injury	Major Injury	All Persons	3	3	Any spectator to remain in the designated area. Fencers to wear masks inside the designated fencing area. Fencers to be supervised at all times	IBC/PB	3	2
Dangerous Fencing	Personal Harm/injury	Major Injury	All Persons	3	3	Fencers to agree to club rules before participating. Fencers to be supervised at all times and safe fencing practices to be enforced by all coaches present. Fencer who behave inappropriately to be excluded from the activity as deemed appropriate	IBC/PB	3	2
Colliding with spectators and or other users the premises	Personal harm/injury	Slight/Minor Injury	Spectator and or other users	3	3	Fencing to be stopped when the area is being crossed	IBC/PB	1	1

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Transmission of COVID19 - General	Contact/proximity Touching of contact points Droplet transmission Possibility of air borne transmission	Severe	Anyone present	4	3	Participants' temperature to be checked and recorded before each session commences. Everyone to use hand sanitizer or wash hands before entering fencing area. No one with current or suspected COVID19 symptoms in themselves or their household to attend. Coaches have received Covid-19 and will monitor their health. All sessions cancelled if symptoms suspected. Appropriate social distancing to be observed at all times.	IBC/PB	1	1
Transmission of COVID19 between fencers and coaches	Contact/proximity	Severe	Fencer and coaches	4	3	Coaches will temperature check every morning. All sessions cancelled if symptoms suspected or if coaches have been in contact with suspected cases/	IBC/PB	1	1
Transmission of COVID19 between fencers of different households	Contact/proximity	Severe	Fencer and associates	4	3	No physical contact, social distancing observed at all times. Mask liners to be worn during any lesson or sparring session. In groups, face coverings to be worn during waiting time. No sharing of kit. Where electric equipment is used, any contact points to be sanitized between users. Sparring to be closely supervised by coach to ensure that social distancing remains at 1m + as much as possible No handshakes, elbow bumps or similar at the end of fight. In a fight turnaround, the next fencer must wait away from the piste until the previous fencer has sanitized contact points and vacated the piste.	IBC/PB	1	1



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Transmission of COVID19 via premises	Contact/proximity	Severe	Fencer and associates	4	3	All instruction and fencing to be held in open air (roofed) venues. All relevant door to be left open, all contact surfaces including any seating to be sanitized before session, toilets to be sanitized before and after use. Hand sanitizer to be available at all times. Any seating to be sanitized between uses	IBC/PB	1	1
Other injuries	Inappropriate over-exertion Other accidents or injuries	Mild to Severe	Fencers	3	3	Fencers must complete a return to training screening with coach to confirm that their medical condition has not changed. Coaches to monitor fencers' general fitness and plan the intensity of lessons accordingly. It is recommended that fencers bring their own first aid kit for minor injuries. IBC has first aid training and there is a first aid kit available for more serious injuries. 999 will be dialled for all serious accidents. A Defibrillator is kept on the premises.	IBC/PB	2	2

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