**Introduction**

This Risk Assessment form should be filled out prior to the commencement of any fencing activity and reviewed on a regular basis. Coaches of Four of Clubs are reminded that this Risk Assessment will form a vital document in the case of any accident or subsequent claim, there it should be completed carefully and kept in a safe place. It is essential that any Risk Management undertaken in this document be strictly adhered to.

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| Nature of Activity | Fencing |
| Venue | All Hallows College, Macclesfield, SK11 8LB |
| Date  (if this a recurring activity, give the dates of its inception and its frequency thereafter) | On-going from Sept 2 |
| Group or Employer (if appropriate) | Not applicable |
| Anticipated Number of Participants | Up to 30 (numbers depend on social distancing guidelines current at time of session and confirmation of size of venue) |
| Age Range of Participants | 6 years of age and upwards |

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| Name of Coach/Leader | Isobel Bruce Combes / Philip Bruce |
| Signature of Coach/Leader |  |
| Email | [iacombes@btinternet.com](mailto:iacombes@btinternet.com) |
| Phone Number | 0782 858 8143 |
| Date | Reviewed 18/08/20 |

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| Name of Responsible Person | Isobel Bruce Combes |
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|  | Signature of Employer/Responsible Person Date18/08/20 |

**KEY:**

C – Consequence F – Frequency IBC – Isobel Bruce Combes

1 Slight 1 Negligible PB – Philip Bruce

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| Falling/slipping on the floor | Dirty/wet floor | Minor Injury | All Persons | 2 | 2 | Visual check of the floor prior to the session and any necessary action taken | 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) 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 |
| COSHH | Personal Harm/Injury and or Harm/Injury to others from hand santisers, cleaning materials. | Minor Injury | All person | 1 | 2 | U18s to be monitored in their use of hand santisers. | IBC/PB | 1 | 1 |

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| Impact with fencer/spectator/  Weapon etc. | Personal harm/injury | Major Injury | All Persons | 3 | 3 | 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 |

NOTES: Consequences: Slight injuries, cuts, bruises etc. No absence from school/work

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| Transmission of COVID19 - General | Contact/proximity  Touching of contact points  Droplet transmission  Possibility of air borne transmission | Serious Illness. Risk of transmission of illness to vulnerable individuals in group. | Anyone present | 4 | 3 | Everyone to use hand santizer before entering fencing area. Handwashing breaks at regular set intervals during longer sessions (summer camp etc)  Face coverings to be worn at all times during the session. Mask liners are permissible during sparring, but conventional face coverings must be worn at all other times  Participants required to complete initial Start of Training Covid-19 health survey before first session. Participants required to complete additional online screening prior to EACH session. No one with current or suspected COVID19 symptoms in themselves or their household to attend. Temperature of participants to be checked and recorded upon arrival.  Coaches will temperature check every morning. All sessions cancelled if symptoms suspected.  Appropriate social distancing as specified by British Fencing’s Return to Fencing Policy to be observed at all times. | IBC/PB | 3 | 2 |
| Transmission of COVID19 between fencers and coaches | Contact/proximity | Serious Illness. Risk of transmission of illness to vulnerable/older individuals in group. | Fencer and coaches | 4 | 3 | Coaches and pupils to wear face coverings at all times during the session. No one on one lessons during the session.  Coaches will temperature check every morning. All sessions cancelled if symptoms suspected. | IBC/PB | 3 | 2 |
| Transmission of COVID19 between fencers of different households | Contact/proximity | Serious Illness | Fencers and their households. | 4 | 3 | No physical contact, social distancing observed at all times. Face masks/mask liners to be worn during any sparring session. In groups, face coverings to be worn during waiting time. No sharing of kit or any other items. Where electric equipment is used, any contact points to be sanitized between users.  Sparring to be closely supervised by coach to ensure that adapted rules are followed to ensure that social distancing remains at 1M +  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. Duration of sparring and individual lessons to be limited as per BFA guidelines.  No admission for spectators.  Fencers to be segregated into ‘bubbles’ of six during sessions. No interaction between fencers of different bubbles during any one session (or any one day in the case of camps). Bubbles must remain within the boundaries of their own areas and not enter each other’s designated area.  Drop off and pick up of fencers to occur outside sports hall doors where social distancing and masks will also be required.  Contact details of all participants will be held to comply with any government tracing scheme. | IBC/PB | 4 | 2 |
| Transmission of COVID19 via premises | Contact/proximity | Severe | Fencer and associates | 3 | 2 | All relevant door to be left open. No admission for spectators. Hand sanitizer to be available at all times. Any seating to be sanitized between uses.  All touch surfaces to be sanitized before, during and after activities.  One in one out rule for access to corridor containing toilets.  Entry and exit movements to be strictly monitored to ensure one way traffic at all times. | IBC/PB | 3 | 1 |

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