

Risk Assessment

1. Risks

Inexperience and lack of skill of participants.

1.1 Consequences

- Potential for physical harm or injury to participants.

2. Control Measures

2.1 Physical

- Safety briefing to be given by a trained instructor to new members. The briefing will cover:
 - the dangers of the weapons and particularly the way they should be held when not in active use,
 - the protective clothing (and ensure each participant has all of the necessary protective clothing and that it is properly fastened),
 - the procedure to be used in the event of an accident or emergency.
- Coaches and club committee members to maintain supervision at all times.

2.2 Training Sessions

- Check that there are no adverse physical conditions in the hall that could lead to people tripping/slipping.
- If applicable, coaches have planned the beginner lessons
- Everyone is to be reminded of the safety risks
- Adequate qualified coaches shall be in attendance
- All participants and coaches shall wear the correct protective kit
- At least one mobile telephone shall be available for use in the event of an emergency. Additionally emergency contact numbers shall be circulated to all coaches and club committee members.
- At least one qualified 1st Aid qualified person shall be present at each training session

2.3 Personal Protective Clothing

- All participants are required to wear protective clothing before fencing.

2.4 Monitoring

- Coaches and club committee members shall monitor at all times the safe running of the training sessions. Any participant not willing to comply with their instruction shall be excluded from the session.

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