

Orienteering – Risk Assessment

ACTIVITY	Orienteering - Generic
VENUE(S)	Skylark Nature Reserve, Barlow.
HAZARDS	CONTROL MEASURES
Collisions/trips with Rocks/trees/branches/brambles/nettles/undergrowth etc. Ambient temperature and wind chill Short winter afternoons/darkness Strong winds/falling branches or trees Sheep and deer ticks Going out of bounds	
Terrain	Course appropriate to those taking part
Ditches	Shelter available Waterproofs if necessary Drinks available Cancellation threshold established
Arrows missing target /range area	Clear safety and range procedure briefing Appropriate equipment for each individual
Missing participants Vegetation Recall of participants	Tick of start list Search plan in place Area monitored and dangers warned of
SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Distinctive sound signal for 'return to base' Participants have whistles, Use of barrier tape/positioning of adults at crucial points	

VENUE SPECIFIC RISKS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

Weather forecast including wind strength and direction
Appropriate clothing and footwear (long sleeves and long trousers if risk of contact with nettles, brambles or barbed wire etc.)
Distinctive sound signal for 'return to base'
Participants have whistles, watches and torches as appropriate
Return to base times
Use of barrier tape/positioning of adults at crucial points
Type of course to match venue and group ability
Use of buddy(s) groups where appropriate
Adequate drinks
Students need clear action plan in the event of straying out of bounds

Signed:

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