


CLUB AND SOCIETY RISK ASSESSMENT		Degree of Risk		Risk Rating Matrix						
Society Name:	LUU Handball	Likelihood		Severity						
Category:	Sports	5	Inevitable	Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5
Author(s):	Monica White	4	Highly Likely		1	1	2	3	4	5
Author(s) signature and date:	Monica White 30/06/2025	3	Probable		2	2	4	6	8	10
Persons Responsible:	Cian Goodwin, Monica White, Zachary Staker, Charles Landers, Freya Broderick, Henry Chung, Abigail Vicars, Rose Arcos, Emma Rhodes, Shashwat Jhunjhunwala, Jess Benefield, Caroline Bjoernstad	2	Unlikely		3	3	6	9	12	15
		1	Remote possibility		4	4	8	12	16	20
					5	5	10	15	20	25
Staff Sign Off:	[Signature] [Date]	Severity								
Staff Additional Check:	[Signature] [Date]	5	Very high - multiple deaths	Risk rating score		Action				

<b>Locations:</b>	The Edge
<b>Details of Activities:</b>	The society will be playing handball, which is a high-intensive contact sport. Beyond that, we will be engaging in matches and attend weekly joint socials with both the Men's and Women's team.
<b>People who may be affected:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Society members and participants</li> <li>Members of the public</li> <li>Staff</li> </ul>

4	Highly - death, serious injury, permanent disability
3	Moderate - Off Uni/work for at least 5 days
2	Slight - First aid treatment
1	Nil - Very minor

1 - 4	Broadly acceptable – no action required
5 - 9	Moderate - Reduce risks if reasonably practicable
10 - 15	High risk - Priority action to be undertaken
16 - 25	Unacceptable - Action must be taken immediately



Identify Hazards	Estimate the risk				Evaluate the risk				Evaluate residual risk
Hazard	How may harm result?	L	S	R	Risk control measures	L	S	R	Further action required?

									Include timescales and who is responsible for implementation
Differing skill levels not accounted for within group, e.g. being paired with someone on a different skills level	Injury/over-exertion resulting from playing at an incorrect level	2	2	4	<p>Separate experienced training and beginner training.</p> <p>During beginner training, everyone are split into their respective playing level, to account for the fact that handball is a contact sport, and we wish to limit uneven interactions that could result in injuries.</p> <p>More experienced are asked to take other players' level into consideration.</p>	2	1	2	Coaches and experienced players act as appropriate, should tasks continue to prove challenging then further measures will be applied – including separating members into specific training groups
Impact from equipment, collisions with people/objects	Equipment injuring member, e.g. handball	3	2	6	Injuries as a result of sports equipment would usually result in first aid on the scene and	2	2	4	Purchase a more comprehensive First Aid kit with ice packs and bandages

	<p>hitting someone in the face</p> <p>Collision with another member or object resulting in injury, e.g. member hitting head on goal post or member head butting another player</p> <p>Contact injuries, minor concussion, abrasions etc.</p>			<p>then if the pain continues or the injury is judged as severe, the player is sent to A&amp;E for a further inspection.</p> <p>Maximum number of people in the hall at one time and maximum number of players during games.</p> <p>The goals are moved by sports hall staff or members who have attended the Induction session run by SPA. Incidents reported to venue staff.</p> <p>Report any damages to equipment and conduct checks each time goals are put up.</p> <p>One member of handball with concussion training available at</p>			<p>before season start, preferably September time. Responsibility of vice-president</p>
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					all events where the sport is practiced.				
Over-exertion, tiredness, cramp when participating in activities	Harm caused when persevering through these issues e.g. fainting, tripping, dehydration, etc.	1	2	2	<p>Conscious of each player's medical conditions, so to cater to each individual.</p> <p>General attentiveness and allowing for sufficient rest and hydration to ensure fitness to play.</p>	1	2	2	
Jewellery and piercings	<p>Jewellery could be ripped out during any activity.</p> <p>New piercings could get infected.</p>	1	2	2	<p>All players either remove or cover any jewellery and piercings.</p> <p>If they have long hair, a hair tie is recommended.</p>	1	1	1	

	Jewellery could fall out of ear and harm another member if they stand/sit/fall on it.								
Astroturf or tarmac burns	Falls that can cause grazes and abrasions.	3	1	3	If we were to ever play on such surfaces, we would communicate the potential of injury to our players and if injuries were to happen, necessary first aid is provided.	2	1	2	
Unsuitable equipment, kit or attire for the activity	Injure self with ill-fitting shoes, equipment not supporting the activity and breaking, etc.	2	1	2	Most of our equipment and kit has all been bought specifically for handball so it is suitable for the requirements.  Proper running/handball shoes are recommended to all members.	1	1	1	

					If it is unsuitable or damaged, it is not to be used and instead replaced with new equipment.				
Consumption of tack	Possible sickness or respiratory problems if inhaled.	1	2	2	<p>We have decided against using it in our own facilities to reduce risks of injury if tack was to stick to the floor, e.g. risk of fall or twisting ankles.</p> <p>If used during tournaments, players are informed not to ingest tack or put it near their eyes. If it happens, product safety instructions are followed.</p>	1	1	1	
Poor behaviour portrayed by players	Acts of aggression or verbal misconduct	2	2	4	Create an environment where there is a sustained focus on healthy solving conflicts and players are encouraged to	1	2	2	

as a result of heat of the moment spurs	resulting in negative feelings				<p>discuss any issues with, e.g. committee members.</p> <p>All players are required to follow the code of conduct.</p> <p>Competent referees to manage on-pitch misbehaviours.</p> <p>Member awareness of how to raise concerns as outlined in constitution.</p> <p>Signpost any negative experiences to the Activities Team.</p>				
Allergic reactions during socials/to tack	Allergic reactions can include, but not limited to swelling,	2	3	6	Any allergies will be informed to social event officers relevant to	1	2	2	



	hard of breathing, blisters				<p>socials where food will be consumed.</p> <p>If needing to utilise tack, this will be tested on skin before use.</p>				
General risks unrelated to sport, e.g. fire	Injuries induced by fire, e.g. burns, suffocation, smoke poisoning	1	2	2	<p>Follow the Edge's instructions in cases of fire, make everyone aware of any exits and use extinguishers if necessary.</p> <p>Take measures to not block any exits or make any evacuations difficult.</p>	1	1	1	