

ELITE YOUTH RUGBY RISK ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE FOR ACTIVITIES



Introduction

EYR finds the NSCC risk-assessment template is best adapted to suit our organisation. It is used to identify the risks and implement appropriate controls to help ensure a safe environment for all children and young people in our EYR programme.

Activity posing a risk

We recognise activities where there is potential for harm to be caused. Examples of incidents posing potential risk:

- At events – virtual or in person
- In competition – virtual or in person
- During a training course – virtual, in person or a combination of these
- At coaching sessions – remote coaching or in person
- If travelling or touring - if invited, established events

What we see as risks.

It is useful to start by considering any risks that could be posed by the activity. For example:

- inappropriate behaviour between EYR participants
- inappropriate behaviour by an adult towards EYR participants
- possibility of grooming behaviour at any time and any place
- lost or missing participants, exploring reasons for ceasing EYR participation
- being aware of concerns to participants outside the sports environment (for example, in the family home)

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In assessing risk, we consider the likelihood of harm being caused and the impact of this upon the individuals, and particularly the children and young people involved. This can then be used to assess whether the risk is **high, medium or low**, and to consider how to mediate any risk.

Risk level (H/M/L)

We estimate the risk level without the benefit of any control measures.

Risk = severity x likelihood

- **High** – certain or near certain that harm would be caused if risk were not removed
- **Medium** – the likelihood of harm is probable without mediation
- **Low** – there is a low risk of harm or this will be relatively simple to prevent

What precautions has EYR taken, or will be taken, to reduce the risk?

All levels of risk will require control measures to reduce the risk level to as low as is reasonably practicable.

This could be through, for example:

- increasing the staffing/coaching to participant ratio
- reviewing the codes of conduct and communicating these to all
- ensuring clear safeguarding information is available
- pausing our EYR programme while all identified risks are mediated

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Elite Youth Rugby - Risk Assessment Assessor's sign-off – EVENT/DATE _____

CSO PH Signature		Head of Development JB Signature	
PRINT NAME		PRINT NAME	
Date		Date	

Activity posing a risk	What are the risks?	Risk level (H/M/L)	What precautions have been taken or will be taken to reduce the risk?	Decisions and actions in response to the risk (including reason)	Person responsible for managing concerns