

Cambridge Winter Series (Sunday 5th December) - Risk Assessment 2021

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	Likeli- hood	Conse- quences	Score 3 X 4	Is the risk adequately controlled and how?	What further action is necessary to control the risk?	Review comments / Review date
Capsize and involuntary swim of competitor	competitor	5	2	10	Paddlers are generally able to self assist. However, marshals at turn point (most likely place for capsize) will have throw lines, if necessary marshal with buoyancy aid will enter water to assist but this is a last resort.	Capsizes are inevitable. The least able paddlers in Divs 7, 8, 9 and U16 will be required to wear buoyancy aids. Least able paddlers will have on water support from competent paddlers in stable boats along the course.	
Falling during portage	competitor	3	2	6	Marshals to ensure that the portage route is free from obstructions. The banks are well maintained and muddy stretches are generally not present	Marshals will have basic first aid equipment and mobile phones to summon emergency services if required.	
River in flood	competitor	1	3	3	Race will be cancelled if river conditions are considered to be unsafe	The Club, FRA and social media (eg Facebook) websites will be used to announce this.	

Bystander is hit by portaging competitor	bystander	2	3	6	Marshals will be present at portages to control bystanders	Marshals will have basic first aid equipment and mobile phones to summon emergency services if required.	
Eating food with dirty hands	Competitor / visitors or helpers	1	3	3	Alcohol based hand cleaner will be available at point of sale of food		
Food poisoning 1	competitor	1	3	3	Paddler food will be prepared in hygienic conditions on the morning of the race and hygienically packaged		
Food poisoning 2	competitor/ visitor / helper	1	3	3	Food for sale will be either pre-packaged or cooked from fresh ingredients by responsible persons. Hand washing facilities will be locally available.		
Collision of competitor with punt	competitors	3	2	6	It is the nature of the race on this stretch of river that there will be some conflict with punts.	The punt operators have been warned of the race but they are unlikely to restrict their operations.	This will be covered in the race briefing
Collision with rowing boats or motorised traffic on the lower river	competitors	2	2	4	The boat clubs have been made aware of the race and requested to restrict their rowing activities during the race.	The rowing clubs have in the past complied with our request but there could be some motorised traffic, generally slow moving. Competitors should follow rules of the road for passage on rivers. i.e. keep right.	This will be covered in the race briefing

Conflict with fisherman	competitor	1	1	1	In general the fisherman are friendly and will draw lines to allow canoeists to pass		
Cuts and injuries on feet from rubbish / stones	Competitor	1	2	3	It is strongly advised that paddlers wear footwear in this race however it does remain at the discretion of the paddler	First Aid kits available	
Locks and Weirs – possible pull into weir at Silver Street	Competitor	2	3	6	Marshalls will be monitoring the portage and will assist less able paddlers as the rules state. They will also ensure that boats disembark adequate distance from the top of the weir	Marshalls will be present with throw ropes	Will be covered in the race briefing
Hypothermia, immersion hypothermia or hyperthermia / sunburn	Competitor	3	2	6	Competitors will be briefed to wear adequate clothing for the conditions of the day. Competitors to monitor themselves and others	Marshalls will check to ensure safety of competitors, ensure they are kept warm with additional clothing / foil wraps.	To be covered at briefing
Covid 19	All	2	3	6	All those attending will be recommended to take a rapid lateral flow test within the 4 days prior to the event Competitors and spectators will only enter the building to access the toilets and changing room. All queuing will be outdoors and crowding discouraged. Advance booking will be strongly encouraged to avoid queuing on the day	Results will be posted on social media as well as on multiple copies around the venue to discourage crowding.	To be covered at briefing

					Where it is necessary for staff to work together indoors they will be encourage to wear masks. Briefing notes will be distributed electronically in advance. Social distance will be maintained at prizegiving with no handshaking. Guidance from the Government and British Canoeing will be followed. If Covid risk increases, procedures will be modified as required, and if necessary the race called off. Team Leaders will be advised.		
DISEASE	All	1	5	5	The Cam does have rats and cows on the fields upstream. This means that the water can be polluted and carry Weils disease and cow feces after have rain fall.	Competitors will be warned of the possibility of infection.	To be covered in the briefing

LIKELIHOOD - SCORE 1-5 - the more likely it is that the hazard occurs the higher the score

CONSEQUENCES - SCORE 1-5 - the level of harm that will arise - the more harm the greater the score

Multiply the Likelihood score by the Consequences score to assess whether the risk is acceptable and the level of action required to control the risk.

Total Score = 1-6 low risk activity can take place, 8-15 medium risk put extra measures in place for activity to continue, 16-25 high risk activity should not take place as planned.

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