

Risk Assessment Activity – Fencing

Pioneer Centre	Assessed by: James Kniffen				Assessed:	Next Review Date
					10/01/2022	09/01/2023
<p>Overview: Pioneer is approved by British Fencing. Instructors will be trained by the B.F. instructors to club leader standard and/or in-house trained. All procedures are in accordance with B.F. guidelines. All appropriate personal protective equipment is worn during sessions. Equipment is maintained on a regular basis. Preferred Staff to Client ratio 1:12 with a maximum of 1:16 (14 Fencing at any one time).</p>						
Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability	Severity	Risk Category	Control Measures	
Sharp objects – falling or walking into	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Disablement	Low	Recorded monthly safety checks. All foils must have rubber button on end. Masks, jackets and gloves must be worn while handling foils. Instructor briefs group on safety rules, provide group management and ensure equipment stays fit for use on session.	
Slips, trips and falls	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Minor	Low	Instructor visually checks area upon arrival. Participants are briefed of hazards.	
Unauthorized access to equipment e.g. foils	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Fatal	Low	Equipment like foils are locked away when not in use or when an instructor is not going to be present.	
Incorrect use of equipment	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Major	Low	Instructor supervises all use of equipment. Participants briefed in detail on use of fencing equipment and managed by instructor.	

Foils hitting or pocking face and neck

Instructors, staff and guest/participants

Unlikely

Major

Low

Instructors always brief the group to keep masks down in the active fencing zones and also to always face partner and never turn away.