

Risk Assessment Activity – Fencing

Pioneer Centre	Assessed by: James Kniffen	Assessed/ Reviewed:	Next Review Date
		10/01/2023	09/01/2024
Reviewed by:	Assist Chief: Max Bishop	10/01/2023	
Reviewed by:	Senior Instructors: Andrew Evrard, Joseph Page & Kieran Miles Lead Instructors: Kieren Plant, Ronan Halpenny, Ruth Gibson & Will Blick		

Overview: Pioneer is approved by British Fencing as 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).

Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability	Control Measures – Reduces the severity and lowers the probability to acceptable levels
		Severity	
		Risk Category	
Sharp objects – falling or walking into	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Monthly safety checks are carried out. 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.
		Major	
		Medium	
Slips, trips and falls	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	The instructor visually checks the area upon arrival. Participants are briefed on hazards.
		Minor	
		Medium	
Unauthorized access to equipment e.g. foils	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Equipment like foils are locked away when not in use or when an instructor is not going to be present.
		Major	
		Medium	
Incorrect use of equipment	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	The instructor supervises all use of equipment. Participants briefed in detail on use of fencing equipment and managed by instructor.
		Major	
		Medium	
Foils hitting face	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Instructors always brief the group to keep masks down in the active fencing zones and to always face partner and never turn away and will shout Stop/Halt in the event of a guest becoming unmasked whilst fencing is taking place.
		Major	
		Medium	