

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT – SPORTS GROUNDS – MAES Y DRE

The general risk assessment set out below forms the basis of the risk assessment for the Councils sports fields:

Hazard / Risk	Who is at Risk?	Initial Risk Rating H/M/L Note 1	Normal Control Measures (Brief description and/or reference to source of information).	Control Measures Y/N/NA		Additional Control Measures (to take account of local/individual circumstances). Note 2	Residual Risk Rating Note 3
				In Place	Adequate		
Litter, glass / injuries, cuts	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspection of area Litter-picking carried out as required 	Y	Y	n/a	Low
Used needles / HIV, Hepatitis B	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspection of areas Safe litter-picking procedures involving use of personal protective clothing Safe disposal of material collected 	Y	Y	n/a	Low
Dog faeces / infection, Toxicariasis	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent dog walking on site so far as is reasonably practicable Signage prohibiting dog walking on site Safe clearing procedures involving use of personal protective clothing Safe disposal of collected waste 	Y	Y	Signage already in place	Low
Poisonous or thorny plants / poisoning, skin irritation, scratches	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of safety when selecting plants Inspection of areas for unsuitable plants and weeds Grounds maintenance procedures 	Y	Y	Erect Signage	Low

Ground surface defects eg. holes / trips, injury	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of area Reporting procedure for any defects Prompt remedial action 	Y	Y	n/a	Low
Members of the public, trespassers / abduction, assault, harassment	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well maintained, un breached perimeter walls and fencing (no holes or damage) Adequate supervision during Junior games 	Y	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erect signage regarding trespassing 	Low
Goal posts / instability in high winds / injury	Players/ Officials	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure goal posts are adequately pegged or weighted down. Consider softness of ground when pegging down goals 	Y	Y	n/a	Low
Manhole covers / slips & trips / injury	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise officials, team coaches, managers & captains of location of cover Mark cover location with cone 	Y	Y	n/a	Low
Areas adjacent to playing surface e.g. cricket square fencing / slips & trips / injury	Players/ Officials	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise officials, team coaches, managers & captains of extent of fenced area Remove temporary fencing (lay flat on square) for duration of games Advise of ingress into playing surface of Astro Turf. Fence side of Pitch to be foreshortened to allow adequate separation. Leaf fall during autumn adjacent to ground to be cleared and Composted. Cover any considered risk with soft cushioning to prevent damage. 	Y	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install Covering remove temporary fencing 	Low
Drainage (Adequate) / slips & trips / water logging	Players/ Officials/ Spectators/ Members of Public	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of area Reporting procedure for any defects Prompt remedial action Install & maintain field drainage system 	Y	Y	n/a	Low
Pitch Sanding / slips & trips	Players/ Officials	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise officials, team coaches, managers & captains of extent of areas sanded 	Y	Y	n/a	Low

Actions:

STRI inspects the pitches annually and any findings acted upon.

A Qualified Grounds Man is employed to maintain the grounds using properly maintained equipment with proper training and safety gear.

The grounds are litter picked regularly and weekly reports issued to the Town Clerk.

R A Robinson

Town Clerk

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