RISK ASSESSMENT

| What are the hazards? | Generic Control Measures implemented | ✓ X | Person to implement | Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level | Person to implement | Date to be actioned |
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| General: Injury to participants e.g. fall, being hit, spotting injuries muscular/finger breaks | Instructors to have been through the internal sign off process and inducted in operating and setting up the slackline in accordance with Slacklining Operating Procedures Instructor to hold a valid first aid certificate. Students to wear helmets Area free from physical hazards. E.g. Rock, tree roots, broken branches (on ground or in the trees), hazardous branches on anchor trees | | | Monitoring of instructor led sessions Regular review accidents/incident and near-misses Lessons learnt communicated to instructors and procedures amended if necessary Safety Culture of openness and sharing promoted Instructor checks before activity | | |
| Slack line Breaking/faulty equipment. Incorrectly set up, Ratchet failure | Instructor Checks equipment check before use Formal safety inspection 3 months (in line with rope course inspections) Lines have a secondary 'tie off' | | | Recorded inspection following manufacturer's guidelines and or know PPE inspection procedures for similar tape material. Lifespan following manufacturers or similar guideline for climbing tape products | | |
| Injury Falling off the slack line. | The line is set low at approx. 30cm above ground (Below the groin of the shortest person in the group) Hand line is used Group safely briefing; e.g. landing on your feet, group safe zone Trained Spotters either side of participant | | | See Slacklining Operating Procedure | | |
| Injury burns contact with the line | Participants wear long sleeve shirt, trousers and shoes/boots. | | | | | |
| Injury Spotting | Spotters assessed for pre-existing injury e.g. bad back Spotters trained in spotting technique and injury avoidance Spotter assessed on physical capability and compatible size | | | See Slacklining Operating Procedure | | |

| Injury to non-participants/ trip hazard | Lower line is removed after each session or area is clearly sectioned off Hand line is above head height | | Use appropriate anchors. | |
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| Falling off and landing on the slackline. | Line should be set up at the appropriate height, it shouldn't reach the groin of the shortest person. Start at the opposite end of the line to the ratchet, keeping well away from the ratchet. | | May have to adjust the line depending on the size of users. Practice (hand) line should always be above head height of the slack liner. Wear shoes and long sleeve top and trousers. | |
| Iliness | Information about existing medical conditions known by staff. Parental consent & medical forms | | Check medication that may need to be accessed immediately is carried on the activity e.g. inhaler/Epi-pen | |
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