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
Competency	 Suitably qualified & experienced instructor (includes First Aid) or have been through the internal sign off process. New instructors will receive a full induction Clear briefings & supervision All accidents, near misses and incidents are recorded. Safety reviewed in staff meetings. 			 Monitoring of staff Re-training days Anything requiring attention recorded in ropes course log and reported to JG or PB Safety culture of openness and sharing encouraged 		
Equipment Malfunction	 All equipment checked prior to use. Regular checks, maintenance & renewal schedule Designated High & Low ropes responsibility All equipment to correspond to required standards Personal protective equipment checked for correct fitting & monitored throughout activity by the instructor Any faulty equipment to be tagged and placed in the PPE bin. 			 Weekly ropes course check 3 monthly checks Yearly Independent safety check carried out. Helmets & Harnesses fitting correctly & check by the instructor Ensure re-checks are carried out if harness or helmets are removed at any point in the session e.g. toilet break/ drinks break/extra clothing or removing a layer of clothing 		
Weather	 Instructor to check weather forecast & equipment prior to session & observe conditions throughout. Change plans and equipment/elements used as necessary. Ensure participants have suitable & adequate clothing. 			Be aware of slip hazards: wooden elements when wet, ice/snow		
Falling/impact/hit by moving object	 Briefing of students & Staff Correct use of equipment Induction of instructors 			 Separate SOP & RA for Zip wire Instructor awareness of other users in the same area Culture of accident, incident & near miss reporting, reviewing and sharing Instructor to hold tail of rope if peer belaying used 		
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		

