

Risk Assessment

Location: School Playgrounds / Sports Hall / School Field

Key Considerations for this activity.

- Equipment should not be got out until the start of the session/lesson where supervision is appropriate, and teaching has started.
- Coaches should emphasise strongly that ball skills can sometimes involve contact, however, do not go out with the intent to hurt anyone and be aware in any contact that they make.

Activity: Ball Skills

- Children will be made aware of the hazards of the playing surface should the ground be wet/slippy/covered in leaves and encouraged to adapt body movement to ensure safety when participating in multi-sports.

Hazard	Description	Involved?	Prevention	Risk Level	Additional controls	Date	Implemented by whom?
Trips and falls	Children could trip or fall during sport resulting in sprains, fractures or broken bones.	Children participating	Pitch is safety checked before playing. Coach clearly explains the way sport should be played. Equipment set up safely and used properly.	Medium	Correct warm up. Disciplinary procedures with issues of behaviour that oppose the rules and pose a threat to injury. Extra care taken in the rain. If activity were to carry on.	March 2022	All Coaches
Risk of intruder/ unknown person	Members of the public could pose a threat to the children/youth taking part in an activity.	Children participating Coach	Registers taken at specific points throughout the day. Toilet breaks structured to avoid children being left alone. Areas of play are secure, and doors/gates are locked. Members of public instructed to not be in the same location as activity.	Medium	Child Protection records Communication with centre staff Appropriate ratios of coaches to participants	March 2022	All Coaches
Equipment injury, hitting a body part such as leg or face injury	Children could injure themselves during ball skills by coming into contact with any equipment being used. They might have it thrown/kicked into a body part which could cause injury.	Children participating	Ensure correct technique is taught and children are reminded frequently to keep their eyes on the equipment and display the preferred technique when the equipment is being used. Encourage children to act responsibly when handling and using different types of equipment.	Medium	The Venture Sports teacher should be very active in instruction. Always teaching during sessions and games to remind children to maintain the proper technique to ensure no one is injured.	March 2022	All Coaches

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Contact with other participants and/or any other obstructions	Due to the nature of the games that are played in ball skills, a child may be involved with a collision with another child, and potentially any obstructions on the field of play.	Children participating	<p>Coach emphasises to children the importance of awareness. They are told to always make sure they look where they are going and to avoid any obstructions that might be in the way (other children or benches/tables etc...).</p> <p>Children are to wear bright coloured bibs when there are a lot of participants to ensure they are clearly visible.</p> <p>Coach emphasises that certain games within multi-sports can involve contact and to make sure that care is taken in such games.</p> <p>Games should be played in an appropriate space with the most suitable number of players, as to not be too crowded.</p>	Medium	Although it is not always possible within a primary school setting, children may wish to wear appropriate protective equipment at their parents discretion.	March 2022	All Coaches

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