

Oxford University Club *Football* Section

Risk Assessment 2004/5

Activities Usually carried out by club: Football training and football matches.

HAZARD	CONTROLS MEASURES IN PLACE	RISK FACTOR	FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES
General state of the pitch -uneven ground -presence of holes -presence of foreign objects	-Groundsman regularly checks state of pitch and training ground. -Referee checks pitch before game.	low	-Managers/training staff to check state of training ground before commencement of training.
Weather extremes	-Groundsman/referee can call the game off in extreme weather conditions	low	
Goalposts (both permanent and temporary) -danger of collapsing -injuries from implements used to secure goals	- Goalposts on pitch should be checked by referee before each match. -Portable goals must be anchored to ground, when in use, in accordance with FA and British Standards Institute advice: www.wrcfa.com/goalpost_safety.htm -Metal cup hooks are not to be used on permanent or portable goals, plastic ones should be used instead.	medium	-Follow FA and BSI guidelines when purchasing any further goals: do not buy goals with metal cup hooks.
Balls -too hard -tatty state (sharp peeling leather)	-Balls pumped to appropriate pressure. Referee can check this. -Balls are thrown away when the leather peels off.	low	

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<p>Footwear -inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping/risk of injury) -sharp studs</p>	<p>-Referees may check footwear before matches (check for sharp studs).</p>	<p>low</p>	<p>-Each player to be responsible for wearing appropriate footwear for the surface they are playing on, and to check their studs regularly.</p>
<p>Jewellery</p>	<p>-All jewellery has to be removed or taped up before a match. Referee checks this.</p>	<p>low</p>	
<p>Conduct of players -dangerous play/physical violence</p>	<p>-We play to FA rules. The referee can caution or send off players in breach of these rules.</p>	<p>medium</p>	<p>-Each player to be responsible for removing their own jewellery during training.</p>
<p>Physical injuries from normal play</p>	<p>-Players should warm up and warm down properly before matches and training. -A first aid kit is taken to each match (and re-stocked regularly). -Players with injuries or medical complaints should let these be known to their manager. -A first aid officer is appointed annually to over-see first aid matters. -Players must wear shin pads. -Coverage by club injury insurance, and Oxfordshire FA public liability insurance. -In the case of a serious incident, the University Club 'Emergency Procedure' is to be followed. This is available on the University Club website.</p>	<p>medium-high</p> <p>low</p> <p>medium</p>	<p>-Those members of the club organising warm-ups and training to have proper training in such matters. -Encourage players to take basic first aid training.</p>
<p>Dehydration/Exhaustion</p>	<p>-Water bottles are provided at matches.</p>		
<p>Travelling to and from matches</p>	<p>-Drivers own responsibility to ensure car is road-worthy and insured.</p>		

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