



BOA Club Risk Assessment

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BOA Club Risk Assessment Form –

- This document takes account of the local risks presented by UWH.
- Many of the **initial risks** are controlled by the pools *Normal Operating Procedures*.
- More specific UWH risks are controlled by the BOA through its rules, guidelines & documentation and these are detailed on the **BOA Controlled Risks Form**.
- This form should be used to record: -
 1. Any variation from the BOA recommendations.
 2. Other risks not controlled by the BOA or its recommendations.
 3. Any additional risks identified and should take account of how the club officials and members control these risks, within the local pools normal operating procedures (NOP).
- To confirm the status of the club or session email: membership@gbuwh.co.uk.

Ref. No.	To identify each hazard.	Hazard	What could cause harm – this may be physical, chemical, biological, psychological etc.
Consequences	What could happen / nature of injury – how might someone be harmed?	Risk to	Who might be harmed – directly or indirectly
Likelihood (L):	1 = Unlikely (Low) 2 = Plausible 3 = Possible 4 = Probable 5 = Very Likely (High)	Severity (S) (Consequence)	1 = Slight / Minor 2 = First Aid 3 = Hospital Admission 4 = Permanently Disabled 5 = Fatal / Major
Initial Risk (IR)	= L x S i.e. before the control measures stated are put in place.	Control Measures	Lists all relevant controls and references to them, e.g. BOA guidelines adopted, pool normal operating and local control procedures.
Final Risk (FR)	= L x S i.e. after all control measures are in place.	References	1. BOA Controlled Risks Form

Declaration:

The BOA club or session named above abides by the rules and guidance of the BOA, as laid out in the **BOA Controlled Risks Form (Currently v1.3, Oct 2019)**

Below are listed any variations to this and any local risks identified.

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Ref. No.	Hazard	Consequences	Risk to	Initial Risk		IR	Control Measures (inc. BOA Guidelines, NOP & local procedures)	Final Risk		FR
				L	S			L	S	
1	Gases	Respiratory problems	Players & Referees	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chlorine build-up taken care of by air-conditioning – especially in basement areas. Air-Con should be alarmed and monitored by pool staff. Facility staff briefed in evacuation procedure should it become necessary. Facility staff monitoring the alarm and those life-guarding the pool should have suitable contact between them. Air quality issues should be reported to the Duty Manager of the pool facility. 	3	1	3
2	Water Quality	Contaminated pool / chlorine excess	Players & Referees	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitored by pool staff to ensure the pool is safe for swimmers to use. Dealt with by local pools normal operating procedures. 	5	1	5
3	Lighting Failure	Panic	Players & Referees	5	1	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealt with by local pools normal operating procedures. Use of emergency standby lighting. 	3	1	3
4	Fire	Smoke inhalation & burns	Players & Referees	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealt with by local pools normal operating procedures & emergency action process. 	3	2	6
5	Careless behaviour	Injury or drowning	Junior players	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distracted coaches, referees and helpers could leave children to misbehave, or engage in tomfoolery and misadventure. E.g. diving in at the shallow end! Limitations on pool availability require all children and coaches to arrive at the same time. Ideally a session split by age groups would be preferable, but until this can happen..... Life-guarding supplied by the pool during 1st part of junior session, until refereeing and coaching take precedence. 	3	2	6
	Personal medical problems	Generally getting into difficulties, panic or drowning	Players	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs gather information on pre-existing medical conditions of all participants. All Coach's & Instructors should be BOA qualified. Coach's & Instructors should be notified of any relevant medical problem declared by a new member and monitor them closely - especially when new to the game. 	1	3	3

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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club officials should raise awareness with pool staff of any relevant medical problem they discover amongst their players. • Pool should provide a lifeguard for UWH sessions. • Contractual agreement between pool and UWH Club include agreed lifeguard cover. 			
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