

OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES RISK ASSESSMENT

Artificial Ski Slope: Kendal

Activity: Skiing

Organisations: Schools and Outdoor Centres

Date of Assessment:

Assessor:

Date of Review:

Qualifications: as per KSC rules/validation

Ratios: KS2 – minimum 1:12 at all times KS3+ - minimum 1:12 at all times (also for all groups 1 additional approved adult)

Note: in the chart below the term ‘group members’ refers to staff/pupils/supervisors/all members of the party, ‘participants’ refers to anyone involved in the activity on the slope.

Hazard	Risk	Individuals at Risk	Risk: low;med;high	Control Measures current	Control Measures additional	Residual Risk
On Ski site	Death Serious injury Minor injury	All group members	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not allow group members to run around site – normal awareness in car park areas and on driveways Do not allow anyone to climb, run along walls Do not allow anyone to cross planted areas Do not allow anyone to cross under or over tow lines Non-skiing persons not instructing or assisting must only watch from designated safe points and not venture onto the skiing area Assisting staff must be age 18 or over and be appropriately trained for their task and be aware of any associated hazards 		low
Medical Conditions	Death Illness Collapse	All group members	high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff/supervisors/students etc must not undertake this activity against medical advice All supervising staff to be aware of group members’ known medical conditions and appropriate procedures in the case of a medical emergency No sweets or gum to eaten while skiing preventing risk of choking 		low
Skiing Equipment	Cuts Bruises Fractures	All group members	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach correct methods of handling /carrying boots/skis and (if used) poles; beware of dropping ski boots on own or other members’ feet No pupils/students to be behind counters – staff to be aware of risk associated with storage/falling of equipment from racks Participants told they must not swap equipment. Must remember ski labels and know why bindings are ‘set’ 		low
Ski Clothing	Serious injury Minor injury discomfort	All participants	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate for weather conditions but... Full gloves must always be worn Arms and legs must be covered Pupils aged 7 and under must wear ski helmets correctly positioned and fastened. Others are encouraged to wear helmets if they wish, or if it is school/group policy 		low
Ski Lodge	Death Serious injury Minor injury	all	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point out fire exits/procedure Explain required standards of behaviour, carrying of equipment Only adults are permitted behind the counters in the equipment storage areas and must be aware of risks (see separate notes) Remove/stow away any equipment which may cause obstruction/trip/collision Store their own clothes and shoes tidily under the bench so as further groups have space to prepare for the next lesson 	Notes regarding ski storage area risks are on a separate sheet in validation booklet	low

Ski slope	Death Serious injury Minor injury	All participants	high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All instructors must have current qualification and insurance according the policies of Kendal Ski Club Pupils fully briefed Instructors to take account of terrain, weather, ability of participants Warm up prior to start of session Participants briefed about behaviour, consideration for others Participants know safe methods for walking in ski boots/carrying equipment etc Group members must ski only under direct supervision of qualified leaders/instructors (recreational skiing without a qualified leader/instructor directly supervising the group is not allowed) Independent skiing is not allowed Group members must not be allowed to ski out of control 		medium
Emergency evacuation of Lodge or Ski Slope	Death Serious injury Minor injury	All participants	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case of need to evacuate the slope or lodge, all equipment must be left in situ until safe to retrieve it. Emergency services must be advised as necessary. Assembly point is in the car park near the main gates 		low
Weather	Discomfort Serious injury Minor injury	All participants	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take appropriate decisions if slope is 'iced' Take appropriate decisions in severe weather, high wind, heavy rain, lightning storm etc 		low
Tows	Death Serious injury Minor injury	All participants	high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tows should not be used until students are able to perform basic, controlled descents from the level of first get-off point. In general tows should not be used until participants are able to perform basic, reasonably controlled plough turns. Rope tow should be used first so that participants can learn how to cope with 'pulling forces' Accompanying adults could be asked to supervise get on points of tows and be made aware of correct use of emergency stop buttons All participants should be made aware of procedure for using emergency buttons, and of the dangers of malicious use of stop buttons. Pupils should not be allowed to restart the tows – the responsibility for this must be taken by the leader In early stages only 1 person on the tow at a time Always leave plenty of space between people on tow (ie leave one button empty between each pupil when using button tows until high competence is established Leaders/instructors must always be in an appropriate position to observe group members on the tow whilst caring for the rest of their class When introducing button tows start with the one nearer the lodge. Far button get off points are quite challenging and this tow must be used with care and supervision by an adult 	Adults could also help at get off points if suitably trained in advance	medium

Special Notes:

- All normal requirements for risk control required by your controlling employer/organisation must also be met
- Eg for schools, any assisting adults must have the approval as normally required by schools
- Usual risk assessments must be completed as required by your school/organisation with regard to all arrival at and departure from the Ski Club and behaviour whilst at the Ski Club.