

Orienteering

The safety procedures and risk assessment are based on the assumption that the participants in the activity are of average ability. Before commencing the activity the instructor will assess the group and will make any allowances necessary to cover such things as disability. The safety level must not be compromised, but steps will be taken to ensure that those less able can take a full enjoyable and active part in the activity.

Instructor	Any member of the camp staff will issue the necessary instructions. If it is deemed necessary by a risk assessment (as above paragraph) then a member of the staff will accompany them around the course. However care must be taken to ensure that the instructor does not lead, but does his best to ensure a full and safe participation by all the participants
Ratio Instructor/Pupil	None (see above notes)
Protective Equipment	Normal outdoor clothing suitable for the prevailing weather conditions should be worn.. Foot wear should be suitable for the terrain i.e. good fitting normal shoes/trainers or boots but not flip-flops or open sandals.
Restrictions	None. Other than physically suitable for this type of walking activity

The following rules will apply

- It is normally thought that this activity will be undertaken in groups. If any member of the group fails to return within a suitable period of time this will trigger a search. If the person is still missing after the search, the police will be informed immediately.
- If this is to be done by a solo person then the duty staff member issuing the instructions will make a note of the time of departure and ensure that the solo participant returns within a suitable period of time. Failure to do so will trigger a search. If the person is still missing after the search the police will be informed immediately.
- Participants without leaders should be informed that if they encounter any persons away from the camp centre and particularly if they are unsure about those people's intentions, then the activity should be curtailed and they should report to the duty camp warden, who will investigate the presence of unauthorised persons on the site.
- The camp staff will make periodic checks to ensure that the orienteering course is still intact.
- Participants will be made aware that the course is entirely within the camp site boundaries.
- On no account must they climb over fences onto adjoining land especially the motorway boundary).
- Participants will be made aware of the dangers of trip hazards, tree stumps, roots, wet mossy areas, uneven ground etc.
- Participant will be made aware of the natural hazards such a stinging nettles, thorns etc.

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RISK	PERSONS AT RISK			CONTROLS TAKEN TO MINIMISE RISKS	Probability	Consequence	Score	RISK
	Young persons	Spectators	Staff/leaders					
Slips & Trips	✓		✓	Training Given prior to commencement. Correct Footwear to be worn	6	4	24	Medium
Falls down steep gullies	✓			Correct Footwear participants warned of need to be aware of danger	6	4	24	Medium
Overheating in hot weather	✓			Wear suitable clothing and use sun block if necessary	2	2	4	Low
Cold/wet in adverse conditions	✓			Wear warm weather proof clothing	2	2	4	Low
Contact with unsuitable or peculiar people	✓			Stay in groups All participants warned of danger and told to return to base quickly	2	6	12	Low/Medium
Off site dangers [traffic, golf balls etc]	✓			The course is entirely within camp boundaries	2	8	16	Medium
Falls from trees	✓			Tree climbing is not allowed during this activity	2	8	16	Medium
Natural hazards [stinging insects nettles etc	✓			Participants warned of danger. First Aid available at camp centre	6	2	12	Low/Medium