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### KENILWORTH SWORD FC: Fencing Risk Assessment for John Atkinson Sports Centre

Potential Hazard	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures	Responsibilities
Muscular/Skeletal injuries (pulled muscles, broken bones etc)	Participants	People are encouraged to warm up Ensure people are wearing appropriate sports footwear and clothing. Ensure people are using correct fencing equipment	Low	Not allow people to participate unless they warm up Not allow people to fence in incorrect footwear Ensure use of appropriate equipment	Coach
Falling/tripping/slipping	Participants	Ensure area designated for activity is free from obstacles, spillage free and well lit. Use of appropriate footwear. Report venue issues as soon as they occur. Halt session until issues are resolved.	Low	Clear area prior to starting fencing Not allow people with inappropriate footwear to participate Report any issues to Sports Centre staff	Coach
Bruising/grazes  Puncture wounds	Participants	Teaching of correct hitting technique Ensure correct equipment is worn.  Very, very rare but can be avoided by correct use of kit and giving broken blades to coach.	Moderate  Potentially serious	All participants must be wearing appropriate equipment and know how to fence safely.  As above	Participants/Coaches
Non-participants/ staff passing through fencing area	Non-participants, Participants, staff	Close hall door/ stop the session if non-participants enter the hall while fencing is in progress	Low	Close door during session. Report any issues to Sports Centre staff	Coach/ Participants

Broken/ damaged kit	Participants	ALL kit used is conforms to British Fencing CEN safety standards. Broken or damaged kit is taken out of circulation and is repaired or replaced by the coach.	Low	Check kit regularly	Coach
Incorrect clothing	Participants	Pupils and parents are informed prior to starting fencing at school that they must wear appropriate sports kit, eg: trainers, t-shirt & tracksuit trousers are a minimum requirement	Low	Pupils not wearing appropriate kit will not be allowed to fence.	Coach
Unsafe/ inappropriate behaviour	Participants/ Non-participants	All participants/ non-participants are required to follow the coach's instructions with regard to their own safety and the safety of others.	Moderate	Remind people of safety requirements and code of conduct. Warn of consequences. Exclude individuals if absolutely necessary.	Coach
Emergency & accident procedures	All	First aid available at Sports Centre/ follow onsite emergency accident procedures.	Low	Update knowledge of onsite emergency accident & procedures when appropriate	Coach & school

#### Notes:

- a) While the sport specific risk involved in fencing may seem obvious fencing is statistically a far safer sport than most other sports. Fencing related accidents are extremely rare (in 44 years involvement I have never seen one) and tend to occur in high level competition.
- b) Further information about the NGB's CEN safety standards, safety guidelines and safeguarding policy can be found at: [www.britishfencing.com](http://www.britishfencing.com)
- c) Coaching staff have insurance cover through British Fencing and The British Academy of Fencing.
- d) Kenilworth Sword Fencing Club has insurance cover through British Fencing.
- e) Coaching staff are NGB Level 5, 3 Weapon coaches and on the British Fencing Coaches Register. Current DBS checks and safeguarding training are mandatory for all coaches on this register.
- f) Coaches have First Aid training.

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