

Worksop and District u3a

Petanque Group Risk Assessment



Name of person completing risk assessment:	Roger Hancocks / Keith Snowden / Lynne Snowden
Date Approved by Committee:	25/02/25
Review Date	February 28

Introduction

This Risk Assessment applies to the Petanque Group.

Petanque is played at the Arena Petanque Club which is based at the North Notts Arena, Worksop. It is played on purpose-built pistes which are constructed from hardcore with a gravel top dressing. The pistes are bordered with railway sleepers and lanes are separated by strings.

A First Aid kit available. The Group Leader should familiarise themselves with their location or how to access them.

Whilst this risk assessment is intended to manage the risks associated with the activity, members are reminded that they have a responsibility to ensure that they are capable of participating in the activity safely. This is to ensure that they do not endanger themselves or others.

Appended to this risk assessment is the members' personal risk assessment tool that members might find useful. This personal risk assessment is not intended to be shared with group leaders or others within the u3a: it is to help members decide whether or not they themselves can safely participate in an activity. Any accommodation must be discussed with the relevant group leader.



Workshop and District u3a

Petanque Group Risk Assessment



Accidents and Incidents

Where accidents or incidents do occur an Accident / Incident form should be completed and forwarded to the u3a Committee. The Group Leader in consultation with the Groups Co-ordinator should review whether any remedial action needs to be taken. See our website for further guidance concerning Accidents and Incidents

Emergency Contact Details

Members are advised to hold their personal emergency contact details on them when they attend any u3a event, group or outing. The reverse of membership card provides space for this. Alternatively, members could use the Emergency Contact facility on their mobile phone which can be accessed when the phone is locked.



Workshop and District u3a

Petanque Group Risk Assessment



Hazards Identified	Control Measures
Slips Trips and Falls	On arrival the person in charge of the activity should ensure that there are no obstructions or hazards that will impinge upon the activity.
	A safety briefing is given at the beginning of each session. Members are advised: To be aware of the raised sleepers surrounding the pistes To be aware of the string separating the pistes Not to walk on the sleepers in wet or icy condition as they will be slippery To be aware of the low fence surrounding the piste
Manual Handling	Where group use heavy equipment owned by the u3a, or need to move venue equipment such as chairs or tables, leaders should ensure that members are aware of risk of moving such equipment without assistance People moving and handling objects should be aware of their own capabilities and physical limitations and act accordingly.





Hazards Identified	Control Measures
Being hit by a boule	Group Leader must ensure all participants are aware of the rules / laws of the game Members must familiarise themselves with the rules of play and must understand what is expected of them to ensure their safety and that of fellow members Members need to be aware of other participants when throwing their boule to ensure no one is in danger of being struck by a boule. Members are advised to wear suitable enclosed footwear to reduced the risk of injury from a dropped or thrown boule.
Infectious Disease	Members who may be infectious should avoid attending their Groups. Specific Advice can be found by visiting the NHS website and as a benchmark the advice concerning the safe return to work should adopted as to whether an individual should return to a group.



Workshop and District u3a

Petanque Group Risk Assessment



Hazards Identified	Control Measures
Fire Safety	NA
Electrical Safety	NA



Workshop and District u3a

Member's Personal Risk Assessment



This personal risk assessment tool is to help identify personal risks you may experience. This is useful if you feel you are vulnerable and need to make considerations for the activities you participate in. You should think carefully about any specific risks you may encounter during a u3a activity. Where you identify a particular risk you should note the actions you will take to reduce the risk, and you can always add to this if you identify a new risk.

What is the potential risk?	How do you usually manage this risk?	Does this risk affect how you participate in u3a activities?			What accommodations do you need?
		Yes	No	N/A	
e.g., I have difficulty walking	e.g., I use a walking stick, and sit down for most activities	X			e.g., I must have a seat during activities
e.g., I have diabetes	e.g., I monitor my blood sugar each morning		X		e.g., I manage this at home
e.g., I need general help from a carer	e.g., my carer supports me with participating in activities, as well as helping me to and from the bathroom	X			e.g., when participating in events I need an extra space for my carer to join me to support me

Member's Personal Risk Assessment

[illegible]