

## Risk Assessment – Bubble Footballs

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Hazard Identified & Risks from It?	Who is at Risk?	How are the risks controlled?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Neck injury from rolling the bubble with head sticking out top.	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff must check that a suitable bubble size is selected for each participant, so their head and neck are well within the bubble.</li> <li>• Staff must check that shoulder straps are tightened for each young person.</li> <li>• Staff must check that bubbles are used the correct way up (check writing and logo on the outside).</li> <li>• Young people must be instructed to always hold onto the handles within the bubble.</li> </ul>	
Impact injury from collision with other players.	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people will be instructed to avoid full impact body charges.</li> <li>• Young people will be instructed to avoid impacts with players who have fallen over.</li> <li>• Young people instructed to avoid contact with anyone who is not wearing a bubble.</li> </ul>	
Impact injury from collision between player and spectator.	Young People and Spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing field to be clearly marked with fibreglass / plastic canes or plastic marker cones.</li> <li>• Spectators will be instructed not to enter the playing field.</li> </ul>	
Injury due to slips, trips and falls.	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing field to be cleared of trip hazards as far as practical.</li> <li>• Staff must check the young people are wearing appropriate footwear for the activity and that shoelaces are tied.</li> </ul>	

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Dehydration and Heat Exhaustion	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to check that young people bring a full water bottle with them to the activity.</li> <li>• Staff to monitor young people throughout the activity and advise anyone who is overheating to rest in the shade and drink water.</li> <li>• Water container to be available at each base for participants to re-fill water bottles.</li> </ul>	
Sunburn	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If weather is sunny, or forecast to be sunny, staff to check that young people are wearing sun cream.</li> </ul>	
Cold and Hypothermia	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If weather is wet or forecast to rain, staff to check that young people have brought a waterproof jacket to the activity.</li> <li>• Staff to check the young people are suitably clothed for the weather conditions, e.g. have jumpers / jackets with them.</li> <li>• Shelter to be available at the activity location, e.g. event shelter.</li> </ul>	