

**Club / Society:** Mountaineering  
**Event / Activity:** Core Activity (Training)  
**Date of Activity:** N/A (Weekly Activity)  
**RA Completed By:** Karl Swales

**Location of Event / Activity:** Foss Sports Hall / Red Goat Climbing Wall  
**Date of Risk Assessment:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
**RA Verified By (SU Use Only):**

Hazard	Who May be Harmed?	Risk Score (without EC)	Existing Controls (EC)	Risk Score (with EC)
Falling from Poor Training	Session Participants	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure all knots are tied correctly and training is given to new beginners prior to them starting to climb on the wall</li> <li>▪ Signs should be on the wall (at eye height) reminding participants to check knots</li> </ul>	5
Trips / Slips / Falls / Collisions with Other Players	Players / Session Participants / Observers in the Crowd / Match Officials / Coaches	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All training sessions are delivered by a coach who holds a current and relevant climbing certificate</li> <li>▪ Immediate first aid provision can be given to injured participants by club members / staff at YSJ Active (in the instance the climbing club are training after 7pm weekday or 1pm on a Saturday, security should be called / alerted to the accident instead of YSJ Active as no staff will be present to respond to the call</li> <li>▪ Participants are informed and advised on correct footwear / clothing (participants without correct clothing / equipment are asked not to participate)</li> <li>▪ Inspection of the climbing wall must be completed prior to training / matches</li> <li>▪ Committee aware of how to call First Aid (security and ambulance)</li> </ul>	1
Dislocation / Broken Bones	Session Participants	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact emergency services (999) and YSJ-Active / Security staff present at the facility immediately</li> <li>▪ First aider to perform initial first aid treatment at fixtures</li> <li>▪ Ensure a member of the team / YSJ-Active Staff / Security is ready to meet the ambulance / paramedics on their arrival at YSJU</li> </ul>	3

Head / Spinal Injury	Session Participants	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If an individual is suspected to have suffered from a spinal / head injury the individual must NOT be moved</li> <li>▪ Emergency services (999) and YSJ-Active staff present at the facility must be notified immediately (or security)</li> <li>▪ Ensure a member of the team / YSJ-Active Staff is ready to meet the ambulance / paramedics on their arrival at YSJU</li> <li>▪ Caller must be prepared and ready to give directions to the ambulance</li> </ul>	10
Poor Quality Coaching	Session Participants	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All individuals delivering sessions are required to have relevant and current climbing certificate. This must be documented and kept on file at the Students' Union</li> <li>▪ All coaches are advised to engage in continued professional development (CPD)</li> </ul>	3
Poor Wall Maintenance	Session Participants	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Before use a committee member / other experienced climbing must check the climbing wall for any faults</li> <li>▪ Students' Union / YSJ-Active will advise when the wall is unusable due to the quality or fault with the wall</li> </ul>	3
Incorrect Footwear	Session Participants	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All members (especially those inexperienced members) must be made aware of suitable footwear decisions</li> <li>▪ In order to ensure best practice, it is advised for all session participants to wear climbing shoes</li> </ul>	3
Inexperienced Climbers / Beginners	Session Participants	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All new climbers must be shown basic technique of a variety of skills to reduce chance of incurring and injury during training / competitive climbs</li> <li>▪ Beginner climbers are encouraged to engage in training with more experienced climbers / coaches</li> </ul>	5

Use of Equipment / Storage of Equipment	Session Participants	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All equipment must be regularly checked / inspected</li> <li>▪ Damaged equipment and equipment in poor condition must not be used during training</li> <li>▪ Only suitable equipment must be used during competitive fixtures and at training</li> <li>▪ All equipment must be returned the original storage facility at the end of training</li> <li>▪ Prior to the purchasing of new equipment, the Club Captain must have authorisation from the Students' Union as all club equipment stored at YSJ Facilities / on campus must be stored in a safe and sensible manner</li> </ul>	1
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## Risk Assessment Severity and Likelihood Matrix

		Severity					
		Minor injuries or discomfort, no medical treatment or measurable physical effects	Injuries of illness requiring medical treatment, temporary impairment	Injuries or illness requiring hospital admission	Injury of illness requiring hospital admission, injury resulting in permanent impairment	Fatality	
		Not Significant (Severity = 1)	Minor (Severity = 2)	Moderate (Severity = 3)	Major (Severity = 4)	Severe (Severity = 5)	
Likelihood	Expected to occur regularly under normal circumstance	Almost Certain (Likelihood = 5)	Medium (Risk = 5)	High (Risk = 10)	Very High (Risk = 15)	Very High (Risk = 20)	Very High (Risk = 25)
	Expected to occur at some time	Likely (Likelihood = 4)	Medium (Risk = 4)	High (Risk = 8)	High (Risk = 12)	Very High (Risk = 16)	Very High (Risk = 20)
	May occur at some time	Possible (Likelihood = 3)	Low (Risk = 3)	Medium (Risk = 6)	High (Risk = 9)	High (Risk = 12)	Very High (Risk = 15)
	Not likely to occur in normal circumstances	Unlikely (Likelihood = 2)	Low (Risk = 2)	Low (Risk = 4)	Medium (Risk = 6)	Medium (Risk = 8)	High (Risk = 10)
	Could happen but probably never will	Rare (Likelihood = 1)	Low (Risk = 1)	Low (Risk = 2)	Low (Risk = 3)	Low (Risk = 4)	Medium (Risk = 5)

Please note that this risk assessment has been completed using the above matrix to calculate severity, likelihood and overall risk scores.

If you have any questions in regards to the completion of your risk assessment please contact [k.swales@yorksj.ac.uk](mailto:k.swales@yorksj.ac.uk) (Sport) or [v.firth1@yorksj.ac.uk](mailto:v.firth1@yorksj.ac.uk) (Societies)