

ACTIVITY - Closed Cockpit Kayak

MINIMUM INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION - BC Paddle Instructor

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INSTRUCTOR : PARTICIPANT RATIO - 1:8 (BCU Courses) 1:12 (Taster sessions)

Risk	Who Might Be Harmed	Measures to Minimise Risk
Drowning	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full safety briefing prior to start of activity.</li> <li>• Appropriate clothing and buoyancy aids to be worn by all participants and Instructors.</li> <li>• Instructors to carry a radio.</li> <li>• Instructors trained in the relevant rescue techniques.</li> <li>• Instructors to hold a relevant first aid qualification</li> <li>• First aid kits available in the building and in powerboats.</li> <li>• A powerboat is on the water at all times whilst courses are running.</li> </ul>
Injury from paddle	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full safety briefing prior to start of activity.</li> <li>• Helmets to be worn by participants under 16.</li> <li>• First aid kits available in the building and safety boats.</li> <li>• Instructors to hold a relevant first aid qualification.</li> </ul>
Capsize and entrapment	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full safety briefing prior to start of activity.</li> <li>• Ensure effective group control and supervision.</li> <li>• Ensure Instructor : Student ratios are maintained.</li> <li>• All craft checked for hazards prior to going afloat.</li> <li>• Instructors to follow advice and syllabus from the appropriate NGB.</li> <li>• Instructors to hold relevant first aid qualification.</li> <li>• First aid kit available in the building and safety boats.</li> <li>• All instructors to carry a radio.</li> <li>• Safety boat on the water ready to go at all times.</li> <li>• All instructors are to be equipped with a safety knife in their buoyancy aid.</li> </ul>
Injury while afloat	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full safety briefing given prior to start of activity.</li> <li>• Instructors to hold a relevant first aid qualification.</li> <li>• Ensure instructors maintain effective group control and supervision.</li> <li>• Ensure Instructor : Participant ratios are maintained.</li> </ul>

Injury whilst on land	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full safety brief given on the relevant manual handling advice.</li> <li>• Instructors trained in the relevant manual handling procedures.</li> <li>• Area of operations to be checked for hazards prior to the session.</li> <li>• Instructors to supervise the manoeuvring of craft.</li> </ul>
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