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| **CL&CGB – Risk Assessment**  |
| **Event**: Over 18yr old participating in sport with under 18yr olds | **Assessor**: This is a template prepared by S Whitelegg and requires tailoring and risk rating to your environment | **Date:** 07/02/2025 | Ref:  |
| CLCGB’s insurance provider have authorised the joint participation over 18yrs with under 18yrs on the provision that a written risk assessment is conducted. By identifying potential risks and implementing the appropriate control measures, the safety and enjoyment of both under 18-year-olds and over 18-year-olds playing sport together can be maximized. Regular reviews and updates of this risk assessment will help maintain a safe and positive sporting environment for all participants. |
| **Hazards** | **Persons Affected** | **Initial Risk** | **Control Measures** | **Residual Risk** | **Actions Required** | **By Who / By When** |
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| **Physical Injury**Different physical capabilities and maturity levels may increase the likelihood of injuries. | All Participants |  |  |  | * Ensure a CLCGB leader or registered helper provides supervision to referee any games
* Implement strict rules to prevent aggressive and dangerous play (slide tackling should not be allowed in football)
* Conduct a warm-up session before games to prepare muscles and joints (can be particularly important for older players to prevent injury).
* Consider the use of appropriate protective gear, such as shin guards.
* In the event of a physical injury, apply appropriate first aid and fill in accident book.
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| **Skill Level Disparity**Significant differences in skill levels may lead to frustration, reduced enjoyment, or increased risk of injury. | All Participants |  |  |  | * Split players into balanced teams based on skill levels.
* Encourage fair play and teamwork over competition
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| **Psychological Impact**Younger players may feel intimidated or pressured by playing with older participants. | Younger Participants |  |  |  | * Foster an inclusive and supportive environment.
* Monitor players' behaviour and intervene if any bullying or harassment occurs.
* Encourage older players to act as mentors and role models.
* All games should be supervised by a CLCGB leader or helper
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| **Safeguarding Concerns**Under 18-year-olds may be vulnerable to inappropriate behaviour from adults. | Participants under 18yrs |  |  |  | * Ensure supervisor leaders/helper have completed safeguarding training in accordance with standard CLCGB safeguarding policy
* In the case of a safeguarding mater arising, follow CLCGB safeguarding policy and reporting procedures.
* Maintain appropriate adult-to-child ratios during sessions.
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| **Facility or Environment** The environment (church or sport hall, or outdoors) may present unique hazards such as slippery floors, faulty equipment, walls or stored furniture | All Participants |  |  |  | * Conduct inspections and maintenance of the environment (hall) and equipment.
* Ensure the playing surface is clean, dry, and free from obstructions.
* Provide adequate lighting and ventilation in the sports hall.
* Ensure any furniture is adequately stored and secured so as not to cause injury. Consider setting up exclusion zones or applying bumper protect to protruding item or any outer wall corners.
* Walls can be a particular hazard in halls. Participants should be instructed not to slide tackle or charge other participant near walls. This is to be enforced by the supervisor.
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| **Emergency Procedures**Inadequate emergency response may exacerbate injuries or health issues. | All Participants |  |  |  | * Ensure first aid kits are accessible and stocked adequately
* In accordance with standard brigade policy a first aid qualified leader should be on hand during a company meet.
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| Date Reviewed:  | Approved By:  | Next Review Date:  |

L = Likelihood (1 to 5)

‘ The probability of a specified outcome …’

R (Risk) = Likelihood x Severity

‘The probability of harmful consequences …’

1 – 5 = Low risk

6 –14 = Medium risk

15 – 25 = High risk

S = Severity (1 to 5)

‘The expected consequence of an event in terms of degree of injury or damage …’