



**YORKSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
RISK ASSESSMENT RAFT BUILDING (outdoor provision)**

Information for judges and stewards:

Event: Raft Building

Location/Venue:

Specific Location:

Date:

Competition Times:

Chief Stewards Name:

Judges and Stewards:

Risk Assessment Prepared by:

Club/District First Aid provider:

First Aid box kept:

Accident book kept:

Lifeguard facilities:

Severity	5	5	10	15	20	25	Severity	Probability	Overall risk
	4	4	8	12	16	20	1= Minor inj	1= V unlikely	1-5 Low risk
	3	3	6	9	12	15	2= Req 1 st Aid	2= Unlikely	6-10 Medium risk
	2	2	4	6	8	10	3= Serious inj	3= Likely	12-25 High risk
	1	1	2	3	4	5	4= Major inj	4= V likely	
		1	2	3	4	5	5= Major injury requiring hospital	5= Almost certain	
	Probability								

Note to SAS Officers:

Where there are a number of different risks involved in the same activity use the colour coded risks below to show the rating for each risk. The YFYFC interpretation of these ratings is to not worry about low risk ratings, try to use control measures to reduce risk in the Medium Risk ratings and do not allow anything with a high risk rating.

	Nature of hazard, identified in both pre event day assessment and the event day assessment	Persons/property at risk
1	Slips, trips, falls Drowning and injury	All competitors, judges & stewards
2	Competitors Illness	All competitors
3	Refreshments – food poisoning and allergies	All persons
4	Unsuitable water (river, lake, sea), water quality and lifeguard facilities	All competitors, judges & stewards
5	Appropriate clothing and footwear	All competitors, judges & stewards
6	Conduct during raft building	Competitors
7	Hazardous substances (biological, chemical, pollution and debris)	All persons

Comments/ Considerations, reasons for unacceptable risk. Changes to control measures implemented or required to reduce risk to an acceptable level. N.B. The sentence number corresponds to the hazard number given above.

Please ask for a copy of the activity centres own risk assessment and the qualifications of the lifeguard/instructor staff prior to booking the competition. Swimming in open water is potentially hazardous and requires careful assessment and adequate supervision. Swimming in the sea increases the hazards such as currents, rip tides, waves, longshore drift, sea mammals, seaweed or hidden objects. Sudden immersion in cold water can have a disabling effect even on the strongest swimmer.

1: A representative from the YFC Club/District has carried out a pre-event site visit to ensure that the venue is suitable to host the competition. Emergency exits from the water are available and kept clear at all times. An identified stretch of water is deined and agreed to be used. Local knowledge of the stretch of water is known any flood alerts or tide timetables are monitored during the day. Changing facilities are appropriate and disabled changing room available for less able members. The Chief Steward to brief judges, stewards and all competitors in water safety and evacuation procedures are in place. The car park facilities are well lit and are well maintained.

2. All competitors, judges and stewards are requested not to participate in the competition if they have been ill (vomiting and diarrhea in the previous 48 hours). Competitors with open cuts, sores or veruccas requested not to participate due to water borne infections.

3. Any refreshments (drinks and food) provided by the Activity Centre venue and this will comply to the Food Standards Agency requirements and any food hygiene requirements. All members present are expected to monitor their own food allergies to prevent illness.

4. The Chief Steward and judges will check the water for hazardous objects, pollution, debris, chemical leaks (petrol streaks on water surface) and visual water quality before commencement of the competitions. The Chief Steward will ensure there are buoyancy aids, rescue equipment (throw lines, poles and floats) around the poolside and a qualified lifeguard/activity instructor on duty. The Chief Steward and the lifeguard/instructor will agree safety signals prior to the commencement of the activity. The participants will be counted in and out of the water.

5. Members are expected to wear suitable wetsuits, goggles, life jacket and tie long hair back and a protective helmet worn. The wearing of any form of jewellery (including, without limitation, watches) is not permitted during the competition. Judges may refuse to allow members to participate if wearing of inappropriate swimwear, jewellery or refusal to wear the PPE.

6. Members are expected to participate 'in the spirit of the competition' and behave appropriate whilst in the water. The Chief Steward is responsible for the appropriate behaviour and actions of the members. All members must abide by the judges/instructors decisions. Diving will not be permitted. The Chief Steward to

communicate with any member who appears to be behaving in an anti-social manner that puts others at risk especially when splashing water with less confident swimmers. Participants are not to be left unsupervised in the water or at the waterway. The Activity Centre will provide suitable equipment for raft building (buoyancy equipment, planks, ropes etc) that are well maintained and checked prior to the competition.

7. The Chief Steward is to liaise with the Activity Centre manager or lifeguard/instructor if he/she or a participant suspects a sudden danger (ie flash flooding or chemical leak) or a sudden drop in the water temperature. The Chief Steward is responsible for ensuring first aid is available and will have access to a fully charged mobile phone in the event of contacting the emergency services (ambulance).

If in doubt about this risk assessment or concerned about a risk in your activity, please seek the advice of the Health & Safety Officer.

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