



**YORKSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
RISK ASSESSMENT SWIMMING (Indoor Pool)**

Information for judges and stewards:

Event: Swimming Competition

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 swimming pool, water quality and lifeguard facilities	All competitors, judges & stewards
5	Appropriate clothing and footwear	All competitors, judges & stewards
6	Conduct during swimming	Competitors
7	Hazardous substances (biological and chemical)	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 swimming pools own risk assessment and the qualifications of the lifeguard staff prior to booking the competition.

- 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 comply to legislation and are kept clear at all times. Any dangerous pool surfaces must be appropriately reported to the venue owner (ie broken tiles) and visibly check the water quality to ensure it appears be maintained (ie smell of chlorine). Changing facilities are appropriate and disabled changing room available for less able members. The Chief Steward to brief judges, stewards and all competitors in pool safety and evacuation procedures. 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 unless injury suitably covered.
3. Any refreshments (drinks and food) provided by the Swimming Pool 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 swimming pool for hazardous objects 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 on duty.
5. Members are expected to wear suitable swimwear, goggles and tie long hair back and a swimming cap 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 or jewellery.
6. Members are expected to swim 'in the spirit of the competition' and behave appropriate whilst in the pool. The Chief Steward is responsible for the appropriate behaviour and actions of the members. All members must abide by the judges decisions. 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 poolside.
7. The Chief Steward is to liaise with the Swimming Pool manager or lifeguard if he/she or a participant suspects a chemical leak of chlorine in the water 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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