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<b>DDCU Generic Risk Assessment - Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit</b>				
Date carried out:	04/08/18	Assessed by:	Mike Holgate	
<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?</b>	<b>HOW MAY THE RISK BE ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?</b>	<b>WHAT FURTHER ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED?</b>	<b>Review comments/date</b>
DROWNING	Paddlers Others	Wearing of buoyancy aid. Instruction in capsize procedures. Relevant supervision for novices. Advised to keep away from river bank.	Buoyancy aids tested annually. Induction sessions for beginners and new members. Supervisors to ensure buoyancy aid correctly fitted. Regular checks on equipment during the season.	
HYPOTHERMIA	Paddlers	Advised on the correct clothing to wear. Adjustment to clothing as required.	Continuous dynamic risk assessment.	
SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS	Paddlers Parents Coaches Others	Regular maintenance of landing stages, river bank, steps and Club House floors.	Appropriate cleaning/maintenance equipment available.	
SPRAINS, STRAINS AND SOFT TISSUE INJURIES	Paddlers Parents Coaches Others	Trained to lift correctly. Ask for help. Encouraged to paddle correctly.	Ongoing training and regular checks of procedures. Appropriate checks on storage facilities.	
POLLUTION AND WATER QUALITY	Paddlers	Advised to bathe soon after immersion Made aware of flotsam.	Risks higher in spate conditions. Avoid intentional capsizes in poor conditions.	
OTHER RIVER USERS	Paddlers Others	Paddlers instructed to be aware of other river users and how to take appropriate/avoiding action.	Informed as to possible other river users and location.	
WEIRS AND MAN MADE FEATURES	Paddlers	Helmets to be worn when paddling in associated rough water.	Appropriate skill and awareness training.	
OVER HANGING TREES OR STRAINERS	Paddlers	Paddlers advised to negotiate around trees, both overhanging and floating. Advised as to correct action in event of entanglement. Appropriate tree management on site.	Regular checks as part of on-site maintenance. Appropriate training for off-site visits.	
INJURY FROM TRAFFIC	Paddlers Parents Others Public	Low Volume of Traffic. Limited number of official vehicles. Speed limits in operation.	Set up traffic management to and on parking area.	
INJURY FROM MANUAL HANDLING	Paddlers Parents Coaches Others	Ensure that there is minimal heavy lifting or difficult equipment for officials to move. Use appropriate lifting/moving equipment wherever possible.	Provide appropriate lifting/moving equipment.	
PROPERTY & FACILITIES	Paddlers Parents Others	Regular maintenance of landing stages, river bank, steps, Club House and other site areas under DDCU.	Appropriate cleaning/maintenance equipment available.	
WEATHER AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS	Paddlers Parents Others	Consult with weather forecasts before event. Ongoing continuous assessment of weather and environmental conditions.	Event may need to be cancelled before or during activity.	