

Sample Risks for Informed Consent

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Badminton – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in badminton. The list below identifies some risk of recreational badminton activities.

- condition of gym floor and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, and other participants
- impact with badminton racket and shuttle
- failure to wear safety equipment

Baseball – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in baseball. The list below identifies some risk of recreational baseball activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing ball field
- condition of field and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, and other participants
- impact with ball or bat
- failure to wear safety equipment

Basketball – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in basketball. The list below identifies some risk of recreational basketball activities.

- effects of weather
- conditions of the gym, outdoor court, and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- contact with equipment, objects and other participants

Canoeing – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in canoeing. The list below identifies some risks of canoeing.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing route
- collision with natural and man-made objects and with other persons
- the condition of the terrain, environment and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- separation from the group
- insect bites, poison plants and wildlife
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- due to remoteness, communications devices may not operate
- acts of fellow participants
- drowning, injury, paralysis or death

Competitive cheerleading – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in competitive cheerleading. The list below identifies some risk competitive cheerleading activities.

- effects of weather
- condition of gym floor, field and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, and other participants

Cooking Lessons or Chef Clubs – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in cooking lessons or chef clubs. The list below identifies some risks associated with these activities.

- equipment failure or malfunction
- acts of fellow participants
- injuries including but not limited to burns, cuts, scolds and bruises
- electrical shock
- food poisoning
- allergic reaction
- disfigurement
- amputation

Cross Country – running there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in Cross country running. The list below identifies some risk of cross country running activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of terrain and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, other participants
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- separation from the group

Curling – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in curling. The list below identifies some risk of recreational curling activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing ice conditions
- condition of ice surface and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, rink boards, and other participants
- impact with ice surface
- failure to wear safety equipment

Football – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in football. The list below identifies some risk of recreational football activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of field and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, goal posts and other participants
- failure to wear safety equipment

Geocaching – Teachers will have to add risks depending on area that they are geocaching. There are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in geocaching. The list below identifies some risk of geocaching activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of terrain, environment and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, other participants
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- separation from the group
- failure to wear safety equipment
- insect bites, poison plants and wildlife

Golf – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in golf. The list below identifies some risk of recreational golf activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of golf course and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants

- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, golf carts and other participants
- impact with golf ball and clubs
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- separation from the group
- insect bites, poison plants and wildlife

Hiking – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in hiking. The list below identifies some risks of hiking.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing walking route
- collision with natural and man-made objects and with others
- condition of the terrain, environment and facilities
- due to remoteness, immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- due to remoteness, communications devices may not operate
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- separation from the group
- insect bites, poison plants and wildlife
- acts of fellow participants
- drowning, injury, paralysis or death

Hockey – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in hockey. The list below identifies some risk of recreational hockey activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing ice conditions
- condition of ice surface and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, rink boards, goal posts and other participants
- impact with skate blades, hockey sticks, pucks and ice surface

Horseback riding – horses, which are powerful and potentially dangerous animals, may change their behaviour at any time and may without warning, jump, run wildly, buck, kick, bite, or step on people or things.

- horses may collide with other horses, a person or objects to trip, stumble or fall even if being led, ridden or driven or attended to
- equipment may fail
- weather conditions can change and can sometimes be dangerous
- the nature of the terrain can change and has certain risks associated with it including, but not limited to, exposed natural objects, trees, streams and creeks
- the activity can sometimes be in remote areas and injuries or illness may occur and it may be a considerable distance to doctors, hospitals, or any other type of assistance

Ice Skating – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in recreational skating. The list below identifies some risks of recreational skating.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing ice conditions
- collisions with natural and man-made objects and with other persons
- condition or ice surface and facilities
- equipment failure or malfunction

- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- separation from the group
- acts of fellow participants
- due to remoteness, immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- due to remoteness, communications devices may not operate
- drowning, injury, paralysis or death

Indoor Rock Climbing – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while indoor rock climbing. The list below identifies some risks of indoor rock climbing.

- collision with natural and man-made objects and with others
- the condition of the facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- entanglement of hair, clothing, jewellery
- fall from height
- inadequate safety gear
- failure of equipment operators
- acts of fellow participants
- injury , paralysis or death

Mountain Biking – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in mountain biking. The list below identifies some risk of mountain biking activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of terrain and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, other participants
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- separation from the group
- failure to wear safety equipment
- insect bites, poison plants and wildlife

Rugby – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in rugby. The list below identifies some risk of recreational rugby activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of field and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, equipment and other participants

School trip – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in school trips. The list below identifies some risks of school trips.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing route
- collision with natural and man-made objects and with other persons
- condition of the terrain, environment and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- separation from the group
- insect bites, poison plants and wildlife
- due to remoteness, immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- due to remoteness, communications devices may not operate
- acts of fellow participants
- drowning, injury, paralysis or death

Skiing – Downhill – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in downhill skiing. The list below identifies some risk of downhill skiing activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing snow conditions
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of ski hill and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with natural and man-made objects, and other participants
- separation from the group
- crowded slopes diminish the ability to supervise effectively
- avalanche
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- failure to wear safety equipment
- failure of equipment operators

Snowboarding – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in snowboarding. The list below identifies some risk of snowboarding activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing snow conditions
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of ski hill and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with natural and man-made objects, and other participants
- separation from the group
- crowded slopes diminish the ability to supervise effectively
- avalanche
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available

- failure to wear safety equipment
- failure of equipment operator

Snowshoeing – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in snowshoeing . The list below identifies some risk of snowshoeing activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of terrain and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, other participants
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- separation from the group
- failure to wear safety equipment
- wildlife

Soccer – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in soccer. The list below identifies some risk of recreational soccer activities.

- effects of weather
- conditions of the field, and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- contact with equipment, objects and other participants

Softball Fast Pitch – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in softball fast pitch. The list below identifies some risk of recreational softball fast pitch activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing ball field
- condition of field and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, and other participants
- impact with ball or bat
- failure to wear safety equipment

Softball Slow-Pitch – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in softball- slow pitch. The list below identifies some risk of recreational softball-slow pitch activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing ball field
- condition of field and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students

- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, and other participants
- impact with ball or bat
- failure to wear safety equipment

Swimming – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in swimming. The list below identifies some risks of recreational swimming activities.

- effects of weather
- condition of the pool and facilities
- contact with other participants
- equipment failure or malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of student
- separation from the group
- acts of fellow participants
- marine life
- currents, undertows, waves and other natural water hazards
- due to remoteness, immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- due to remoteness, communications devices may not operate
- drowning, injury, paralysis or death

Table Tennis – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in table tennis. The list below identifies some risk of recreational table tennis activities.

- condition of facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, and other participants
- impact with ball
- failure to wear safety glasses

Tobogganing – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in tobogganing. The list below identifies some risks of tobogganing.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing route
- collision with natural and man-made objects and with other persons
- condition of the terrain, environment and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- separation from the group
- insect bites, poison plants and wildlife
- due to remoteness, immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- due to remoteness, communications devices may not operate
- acts of fellow participants
- drowning, injury, paralysis or death

Track & Field – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in track and field. The list below identifies some risk of recreation track and field activities.

- effects of weather
- existing and changing terrain
- condition of track and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, other participants
- due to remoteness, communication devices may not operate
- due to remoteness immediate emergency medical care might not be available
- separation from the group

Volleyball – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in volleyball. The list below identifies some risk of recreational volleyball activities.

- conditions of the gym and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- contact with equipment, objects and other participants

Wrestling – there are inherent risks, hazards and dangers while participating in wrestling. The list below identifies some risk of recreational wrestling activities.

- condition of gym floor, mats and facilities
- equipment failure and malfunction
- unmarked obstacles
- ability and fitness of students
- acts of fellow participants
- injury, paralysis or death
- collisions with objects, other participants
- failure to wear safety equipment

Consent forms will not insulate a school / campus from negligent supervision lawsuits; however, it will be useful in helping to convince the court that a school / campus was diligent in obtaining parental consent, thereby meeting an acceptable standard of care.

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