

## Risk Assessment – Pond Dipping

Date: September 2024

Potential Hazard	Who is at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures
Slips, trips & falls	Participants	4	1	4 <b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear boundaries given to participants at the beginning of the session</li> <li>- Leaders must be vigilant &amp; maintain good group control (inappropriate behaviour must not be tolerated and participants to be removed from activity)</li> <li>- Participants to wear appropriate footwear for the activity: flat shoes</li> <li>- Participant briefed on safety rules: no throwing stones, no jumping in the water or pushing others in, be particularly careful at the water's edge &amp; step slowly</li> </ul>
Exposure to contaminated water (Weils Disease)	Participants	1	3	3 <b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All cuts must be covered with a waterproof plaster or tape</li> <li>- All participants must wash their hands as soon as the session has finished</li> <li>- Participants advised not to touch mouth, eyes or nose during the activity</li> </ul>
Drowning	Participants	1	4	4 <b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear boundaries to be given to participants with leader positioned so they can see all members of the group</li> <li>- Life ring to be kept by the pond</li> <li>- Swimming in the pond is not permitted on this activity</li> </ul>
Adverse weather conditions & exposure to environmental factors.	Participants	1	4	4 <b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone working outside must seek shelter if weather is becoming a risk, including thunder &amp; lightning, high winds or heavy rain</li> <li>- Extreme caution should be taken in areas where trees increase the risk from wind due to falling debris</li> <li>- Group to wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activity</li> <li>- Group should monitor the weather and adjust their activity engagement accordingly</li> </ul>

Existing medical condition	Participants	2	3	6 <b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaders to ensure the appropriate health &amp; parental consent forms are used.</li> <li>- Ensure necessary medication available if needed.</li> <li>- Ensure all leaders are aware of the OAC's accident/emergency procedures.</li> <li>- Group to have access to a mobile phone.</li> </ul>
Operating Notes:					

Signed: .....

On behalf of: .....

Date: .....

Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of Outcome				
	1 Negligible	2 Slight	3 Moderate	4 Severe	5 Very Severe
1 Very Unlikely	<b>LOW (1)</b>	<b>LOW (2)</b>	<b>LOW (3)</b>	<b>LOW (4)</b>	<b>LOW (5)</b>
2 Unlikely	<b>LOW (2)</b>	<b>LOW (4)</b>	<b>LOW (6)</b>	<b>MEDIUM (8)</b>	<b>MEDIUM (10)</b>
3 Possible	<b>LOW (3)</b>	<b>LOW (6)</b>	<b>MEDIUM (9)</b>	<b>HIGH (12)</b>	<b>HIGH (15)</b>
4	<b>LOW (4)</b>	<b>MEDIUM (8)</b>	<b>HIGH (12)</b>	<b>HIGH (16)</b>	<b>HIGH (20)</b>

Probable					
5 Very Likely	<b>LOW (5)</b>	<b>MEDIUM (10)</b>	<b>HIGH (15)</b>	<b>HIGH (20)</b>	<b>HIGH (25)</b>

**Likelihood of occurrence X Severity of outcome = Risk Rating**

Example:

Likelihood (possible 3) X Severity (Moderate 3) = Risk Rating (Medium 9)