# Risk Assessment: Throwing (incl. Covid-19 addenda)

This risk assessment cover throwing (shot put, hammer, discus and javelin) for training, competition, and trials.

Controls identified are to be implemented by the facility, officials, coaches, and athletes.

This risk assessment will remain under review. A current copy can be found on the Yate and District Athletics Club website. All club athletes will be notified of updates by the membership secretary and visiting athletes will be directed to the risk assessments as part of any competition notice.

Date: Assessed by:		Location:	Review:			
23.07.2020	YADAC (Vice Chair).	Yate and District Athletic Club at the Yate Outdoor Sports Complex	In line with UKA, PHE, EA and venue guidance			
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#### **Revision History**

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#### Introduction

This risk assessment recognises a separation of accountabilities and responsibilities for different organisations being:

- Yate Outdoor Sports Complex (YOSC) are accountable and responsible for the facility and all fixed equipment and permanent installations. e.g. throws cages, jumps beds.
- Yate and District Athletic Club (YADAC) own and are accountable and responsible for all portable equipment such as hammers, hurdles, gym equipment.

This risk assessment is part of a suite of risk assessments for the sole use of Yate and District Athletic Club venue and in undertaking jumps, throws and track activities.

This risk assessment has been informed by UKA generic risk assessments for outdoor throws training and competition, dated August 2017, in identifying controls already in place and builds on this with local context for facility and club specific content.

#### Covid-19 Secure

The purpose of the risk assessment is to introduce controls and actions to provide confidence to individuals and other attendees on site that we are 'Covid-19 Secure' so far as is reasonably practicable (SFAIRP) and that risks are as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP). 'Covid-19 Secure' being a private space with controlled entry and for which risk assessment(s) are in place with associated controls and that the venue, coaches, athletes and other visitors take positive steps to encourage appropriate behaviours of each other and check-in to confirm that they are fit and well and not showing any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 and has no cause to self-isolate. The additional Covid-19 Controls are informed by:

- 1. Relevant Public Health England (PHE), NHS, and England Athletics (EA) guidance for Covid-19
- 2. YADAC Covid-19 policy statement.

This risk assessment assumes no symptomatic person has passed through or contacted surfaces; otherwise PHE guidance for cleaning non-healthcare settings will need to be followed. Any attendees who develop symptoms of Covid-19 and have been at the track within the 14-days prior to onset of those symptoms must inform the club at once. Notification of occurrence together with register of attendees will be provided to UK Government 'Track-and-Trace'. UKA and EA will also be notified of the occurrence.

#### Approach to Risk

All attendees are expected to adhere to the actions within the risk assessment. Please note:

- You must bring with you your own hand sanitiser and your own non-chlorine-based surface sanitiser whilst Covid-19 restrictions remain in place.
- Your personal relationship with safety will be different to others. Consider for example your approach to crossing the road or eating food that is past its best before date.
- Personal Safety should not be your only consideration. The safety of your environment and those around you must also be considered. Be responsible.
- This risk assessment informs you of the steps taken to address our duty of care to you and <u>all</u> attendees. Actions herein will necessarily protect those more vulnerable than you.
- Challenge and be challenged on behaviours. Acknowledge and be respectful. One day you might be the one who needs others to be considerate of you.

#### Ask yourself?

- If I get it wrong who do I harm or make ill?
- If I harm myself or fall ill how will others feel?
- Invincible, Impervious, Invulnerable? and then it happens; injured, ill or worse it is now too late!
- If you are prepared to accept the consequences of getting Covid-19 on the belief you are young, fit, or healthy be aware that many survivors have permanent lung damage. This could affect your future, your ability as an athlete and the opportunity to compete.

We have great people at YADAC, including some in or linked to vulnerable and extremely vulnerable groups, who are working hard to provide a great environment you to meet, train and compete. Please be mindful and considerate of your actions on you and everyone around you.

# STOP! - THINK! - ACT. - REVIEW.

#### Risk assessment process

In considering and evaluating risk level due regard must be given to people, assets, the environment, and to societal perspective against the frequency of occurrence.

Avoid Do not undertake this activity. Undertaking this activity is likely to be a breach of law and / or lead to certain death		Do not undertake this activity. Undertaking this activity is likely to be a breach of law and / or lead to certain death
	High	Intolerable. High risk and serious consequences. Emergency Response may necessitate exposure.
	Medium	Undesirable. Evaluate so risk is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP)
	Low	Acceptable in the context of the activity being performed. Prepare, Proceed carefully, stay alert.
	benign	No specific controls or actions. Safe to proceed

In evaluating a risks a simple Avoid, Evaluate and Control approach is taken which is a derivative of the general principles of prevention as set out in schedule 1 of 'The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations as noted in full below.

- a. avoiding risks;
- b. evaluating the risks which cannot be avoided;
- c. combating the risks at source;
- d. **adapting** the work to the individual, especially as regards the design of workplaces, the choice of work equipment and the choice of working and production methods, with a view, in particular, to alleviating monotonous work and work at a predetermined work-rate and to reducing their effect on health;
- e. adapting to technical progress;
- f. replacing the dangerous by the non-dangerous or the less dangerous;
- g. developing a coherent overall **prevention** policy which covers technology, organisation of work, working conditions, social relationships and the influence of factors relating to the working environment;
- h. giving collective protective measures priority over individual protective measures; and
- giving appropriate instructions to employees.

#### <u>Notes</u>

You should undertake a personal risk assessment to cater for any challenges unique to you such as a medical condition or disability. As necessary please discuss with YADAC to see if and how we can accommodate your needs.

Due to the outdoor nature of athletics activities preference is given to sanitising hands as opposed to surfaces due to risk to the environment in any chemicals used and concern with the effectiveness of sanitisers in different weather conditions.

**Sport or any athletic track and field activities has inherent risk.** In undertaking this sport you have accepted personal injury may occur including strains, sprains, ligaments, back pain, shin splints, tears, fractures etc. Through officials, coaches, appropriate equipment and risk assessment risks will have been reduced so far as is reasonably practicable (SFAIRP).

**Action for official or coaches.** During competition, the action is on 'Officials'. At other times the action will be on the relevant person such as a 'Coach', trainer, teacher, supervisor, guardian, or athlete if training without supervision.

Actions or Controls for the Facility. As Yate and District Athletic Club these controls set out a minimum expectation on Yate Outdoor Sports Complex to provide safe facilities for use. Yate Outdoor Sports Complex will have its own risk assessment and maintenance procedures for the upkeep of the facility.

	SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR LONG THROWING EVENTS COMPETITIONS (from UKA)	Covid-19 addenda
	GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS	
1	Event organisers, meeting managers, referees should ensure that the long throwing events are programmed so as not to present a hazard to other events. Where horizontal (e.g. long, triple or standing) or pole vault runways are located on the infield long throwing events must not take place unless a separate risk assessment indicates that the standard of throwers will pose no risk to jumpers.	
2	The meeting manager or organiser should ensure that all personnel who are liable to enter the infield are made aware of all safety considerations.	
3	At least one of the event judges should be suitably qualified and competent.	
4	If persons who are not suitably qualified are used they must be instructed in the safety procedures by a competent official before the start of their duties.	
	EVENT PROCEDURE	
1	Prior to the competition all competitors should be made aware of the safety procedures.	
2	Competitors should be called up in 2s or 3s i.e. Number 15 to throw, 27 to get ready, nine to follow etc.	Subject to social distancing of 2m and group size limitation of 5 athletes. Rotate through groups for large entry fields in an event.
3	The event leader must first check that the circle or runway is clear.	
4	The event leader must stand with the athlete at the entrance to the cage for hammer and discus; and for javelin the official must stand on the runway while the athlete takes up his/her starting position.	Subject to social distancing of 2m
5	The event leader must sound a warning horn to alert the officials on that event a throw is imminent.	
6	When all officials and other personnel in the danger zone have acknowledged the sounding of the horn the athlete should be permitted to take up position in the circle or on the runway to commence their throw and the time will begin at this point.	
7	Once the throw has been taken and the measurement recorded the procedure is repeated for each athlete throughout the competition.	
8	All safety procedures must also be followed during warm up.	Allow 30 minutes warm up and 60 minutes competition for every ten athletes (two groups of five).
	IMPLEMENT RETRIEVAL	
1	During warm up and competition, the retrieval of implements will be undertaken by event officials. If there are insufficient officials the athletes will be directed by the event leader to retrieve implements at the end of a round or as appropriate. Any system of implement retrieval must take place under the control of the event leader.	Athletes to collect own implements under guidance and control of event leader.

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?		What are you already doing?	Risk Rating	What else can you do to control this risk?	Resultant Risk Rating	Action by whom	Target date	Complete
Adverse weather Ice / snow / heavy rain / winds	Officials, coaches, athletes  Injury due to strong consistent winds / gusting damaging equipment and cause collapse.  Cuts, Strains and other possible injuries from slipping on wet or icy track / circle.  Flight path of equipment may leave sector.	2.	As per cage manufacturer's instructions the cage netting is lowered and cage gates locked off when not in use for extended periods or weather forecast predicts mean wind speeds over 55mph.  Training, trials and competition to stop and not to take place.		<ol> <li>Review weather forecast and advise track users if track to be unavailable.</li> <li>Athletic Club</li> <li>Review weather forecast and advise track users if track to be unavailable. Inspection prior to any track use.</li> <li>COVID-19 additions</li> <li>No action.</li> </ol>		Facility, officials, coaches. 1, 2, 3.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training
Adverse Weather Heat	Officials and others within the facility  Dehydration. Sunburn	1.	Water station should be positioned so as not to constitute a hazard.		<ol> <li>Facility</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>Athletic Club</li> <li>All attendees to bring their own water bottles and sun cream.</li> <li>COVID-19 additions</li> <li>Athletes and water station personnel to sanitise hands before and after event and reminded not to touch face. Provide single use cups or athlete to provide own receptacle.</li> </ol>		Facility staff, officials, coaches, athletes.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training
Warmup, stretching, and exercise Officials, coaches, athletes and members of the public	Officials, coaches, athletes Cuts, Strains and other possible injuries due to collision with other people.	2.	No specific controls during competitions as athletes undertake their own warmup prior to taking part in event. At event location athletes have the opportunity to undertake practice throws.  During coach or self-directed training sessions warmup, stretch		Facility  1. No action. 2. No action.  Athletic Club  1. No specific action.		Facility staff, Officials, coaches, athletes 1, 2.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons /

		and exercise activities are part of structured or routine session.	2. Warm up activities shall not be undertaken in walkways or spectator areas where there is a risk of collision.			trials / training
			COVID-19 additions			
			<ol> <li>Designated warm-up areas to be established and supervised for each event. Athletes will be advised location and time slots in event instructions and on arrival. Athletes to maintain social distancing of 2m at all times. Equipment not in possession of an athlete must not be moved. Running drills must be in the anti-clockwise direction on the track (normal competition direction) with walk back on the outside of the warmup area next to the perimeter fence to reduce obstructions to others, the hard area next to the Long/Triple jump runway is preferable. Warm-up throws to be undertaken in the competition area within the 30 minutes prior to the competition start time on rotation between field competitors.</li> <li>All warmup, stretch, and exercise activities to take place in reserved training zone. Where athletes wish to undertake activities outside of reserved zone this must be in a location where it does not restrict of limit access to other facility users and social distancing of 2m must be maintainable. Adjacent fields may be available. Undercover areas and walkways are not to be used. Gym and exercise equipment in the 'shed'# are not available for use. Parents should not encroach on the warn-up area. Only Coaches and Athletes in warm-up area for training and Officials and</li> </ol>			
Conton	Ashlasa ab	1 The control there with a second of	Athletes for competition and events.	Facility	Ongelie	Da
Sector	Athletes, coaches.	The central throwing area safety sector must be 'roped' off in	Facility	Facility staff, officials	Ongoing	Routine audit

Collision with implement and/or tripping due to poor condition of infield.  Safety sector not established	accordance with current UKA rules.  2. The sector should be smooth and level, in particular ensure that holes in the sector arising from hammer throws or shot puts are filled in to ground level.  3. Ensure that all non-associated persons are not within or in the vicinity of the safety sector before throws commence.  4. Ensure that grass is not over-long.  5. Ideally grass should be cut the day prior to competition  Shot-put specific  6. Ash/shale sectors should be raked before and after use.	<ol> <li>The entire grassed infield area to be rope off from the track straights to limit access officials, coaches, and athletes. Roping thave signage attached to warn or throwing area. Inspection and maintenance of roping.</li> <li>Periodic inspections of the infield and remedial works as required.</li> <li>Inspect and maintain.</li> <li>Cut grass as required when area not in upure to the prior before competition.</li> <li>n/a, Grass at venue.</li> <li>Visual inspection of roping at time of use throws. The roped off area is much larged that the sector and thus with appropriate briefing personnel mat be within the rope off zone and must observe safety warning. Periodic inspections of the infield and remedial works as required.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Advise YOSC if too long. Agree length.</li> <li>Advise competition dates.</li> <li>n/a.</li> </ol>	coaches 1, 2, 4, 6.  Officials or coaches 3.  Facility staff 5.	Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training
Circle <b>Athletes</b>	Ensure that circle is in good order	<ol> <li>COVID-19 additions</li> <li>Roping is not a touch surface therefore report routine actions. If moving or relocating sanitise hands and any touch points on tools.</li> <li>Periodic inspections of the infield and remedial works as required.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Limit users of equipment to one and if no possible sanitise touch points.</li> <li>As item 4 above.</li> <li>n/a.</li> </ol>		Ongoing Routine
Athletes	<ul> <li>and not cracking or breaking up.</li> <li>Examine circle rim to ensure that it is free from protrusions of</li> </ul>	Operation, Maintenance and Inspection accordance with Trackmark and the EA facilities management recommendations	in staff, officials	audit Review status

wet, go surface Injury damage rim of Shot-putt Injury	a. 3. Ensure that circle is free extraneous material, grant standing water. 4. Ensure that drainage head kept clear. 5. Ensure that mats are practice wiping shoes if ground shot-put Specific	manufacturers or installers instructions as appropriate and in other areas.  2. As 1 and prior to competitions.  3. No action.  4. As 1.  5. Provide mats in store for use by clubs 6. As 1 and prior to competitions .  7. As 1 and prior to competitions .  8. As 1 and prior to competitions .  8. As 1 and prior to competitions .  Athletic Club  1. No action.  2. Visual check prior to use.  3. Clear detritus or STOP  4. Visual check at prior to use.  5. Collect from store when required.  6. Visual check prior to use.  7. Visual check prior to use.  8. Visual check prior to use.  9. Visual check prior to use.  1. Visual check prior to use.	or coaches 1, 2, 5, 6 7, 8.  Facility staff 4.  Officials or coaches 3.		prior to competiti ons / trials / training
to imp escapi badly r or poo	and erected in accorda the UKA rule (cages for and discus).  Non-traditional cages – that the cage is constru erected in accordance appropriate parts of the	1. Cages comply with World Athletics and UKA Technical Rules 2020 Edition Rule 37 Hammer Cage. One being a two-circle combined hammer and discuss cage and the other a combined hammer and discuss cage with the e UKA rule  1. Cages comply with World Athletics and UKA Technical Rules 2020 Edition Rule 37 Hammer Cage. One being a two-circle combined hammer and discuss cage with circle insert. Operation, Maintenance and Inspection in accordance with	Facility staff 1, 2.  Facility staff, officials coaches	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

Check netting regularly to ensure no damage to the net structure.	athletics track and field areas and manufacturers or installers instructions as	3, 4, 5, 6.
<ul> <li>4. Ensure that netting is secured or ballasted at ground level.</li> <li>5. Ensure that netting hangs vertically from the gallows arms and is not tied to the uprights,</li> </ul>	appropriate and in other areas.  2. n/a. Fully UKA compliant cage.  3. As 1.  4. n/a. Ballast integral to netting  5. No further action.	Officials, coaches, athletes 7, 8.
particularly at the mouth of the cage where the width should not exceed 6m.  6. Check that netting tension has	<ul><li>6. As 1.</li><li>7. Signage installed</li><li>8. No action</li></ul>	
sufficient retardation and minimal bounce.  7. During throwing a safe distance from the cage netting must be maintained.  Hammer specific  8. Ensure that the ends of the hammer wires are securely taped to avoid damage to the netting.	<ol> <li>Athletic Club</li> <li>Ensure winches are only used by able individuals. If netting gets caught specific risk assessment required if using ladders or poles to release. Winches should be used by handle and care taken to avoid entrapment in mechanism of clothing, hands etc. Entrapment of hands in mechanism could lead to serious injury. Ensure winches are locked off when nets in either up or down position.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>Visual check prior to use.</li> <li>Visual check prior to use.</li> <li>Visual check prior to use. When wind conditions require local ties can be applied so as not to narrow the exit whilst ensuring the performance requirement of the netting is not compromised.</li> <li>Visual check prior to use.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Quarterly inspections of club equipment and visual inspection at point of use.</li> </ol>	
	COVID-19 additions	
	<ol> <li>Leave cage netting in place providing wind conditions allow. Sanitise winch contact points before and after use. Limit users.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> </ol>	

			<ol> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Maintain social distancing of 2m.</li> <li>No further action.</li> </ol>			
Cage Gates	Athletes, officials, public  Implement, impact injury due to wrongly positions gates or over tensioned netting.  Officials, coaches, athletes  Back injury due to poorly maintained gate hinges and wheels.	<ol> <li>Check that the gates can move freely and be secured in both their open and closed positions.</li> <li>Check that gate netting is not holed and appears in good condition.</li> <li>Check that gate netting tension has sufficient retardation and minimal bounce.</li> <li>Ensure both gates are correctly positioned and locked before each hammer or discus throw in accordance with UKA rules, in particular that the gates are correctly set for right and left hammer throwers.</li> </ol>	Facility  1. Quarterly inspection. 2. Quarterly inspection. 3. Quarterly inspection. 4. No action  Athletic Club  1. Ensure gates and securing rail are only used by able individuals. Note securing rail is at high level. If netting gets caught specific risk assessment required if using ladders or poles to release.  2. Visual check prior to use. 3. Visual check prior to use. 4. Locate and position gates prior to use for the appropriate event, hammer or discus, and for right/left-handed hammer throwers as appropriate.  COVID-19 additions	Facility staff, officials, coaches 1, 2, 3. Officials, coaches 4.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training
Time of Day	Athletes, officials,	Check that enough daylight/flood	<ol> <li>Limit users. Sanitise hands before and after use.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Limit users. Sanitise hands before and after use. Where feasible group left and right handed throwers to reduce gate movements.</li> </ol> Facility	Officials,	Ongoing	Routine
·	<ul><li>coaches</li><li>Injury from inability to see well enough.</li></ul>	lighting to ensure safety.	<ol> <li>Quarterly inspections.</li> <li>Athletic Club</li> <li>Advise facility any malfunction and when required.</li> <li>COVID-19 additions</li> </ol>	coaches		audit Review status prior to competiti ons /

			1. No action.			trials / training
Scoreboards	Athletes, officials, coaches  Injury from falling scoreboard.	1. Ensure that scoreboards are not less than 2m from officials' judging positions, or from athletes waiting to throw.  2. Ensure that scoreboards are well ballasted or secured at ground level.  3. Decide whether or not the wind strength has increased to such a degree that scoreboards are no longer safe to use.	Facility  1. No further action.  Athletic Club  1. No further action.  COVID-19 additions  1. Limit scoreboard users. Scoreboard users to sanitise hands before and after using.	Facility staff, officials 2, 4.  Officials, coaches 1, 3.	n/a	n/a
Lack of Concentration	Athletes, officials, coaches	Athletes and officials must be aware at all times for the need of concentration on the event in hand and must not be distracted by other events.	1. No further action.  Athletic Club  1. Mobile phones not to be used save for an emergency. In-ear, on-ear or over ear headphones, or speakers are not to be used where they impede the ability of the user to hear warning signals and any announcements within the track curtilage. No communications or media playing devices to be used whilst competing or training  COVID-19 additions  1. No action.	Athletes, officials, coaches 1.	Ongoing	Ongoing
Implements Training aids	Athletes, officials, coaches  • Hand injury due to damaged surface of shot. • Surface contamination	All implements must be checked for surface damage that may cause injury.     Implements must be checked before commencement of to ensure that they are serviceable.	1. No action. 2. No action. Athletic Club 1. Operation, Maintenance and Inspection in accordance with Trackmark and the EA facilities management recommendations for athletics track and field areas and manufacturers or installers instructions as appropriate and in other areas and visual	Facility staff, officials, coaches, athletes 1.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

		inspection at point of use. Ensure equipment returned clean and dry.  2. No further action.  COVID-19 additions  1. Assign equipment to individuals where possible else ensure athletes / coaches sanitise hands before and after use. e,g, broom handles.  2. Sanitise hands before and after use.	
Implements Shot Put  Athletes, official coaches  Hand injury to damaged surface of significant contaminations of the contamination of the coaches  Surface contamination of the coaches of	for surface damage that may cause injury.  2. Implements must be checked before commencement of throwing to ensure they conform to UKA rules (reference UK	Facility  1. No action. 2. No action.  Athletic Club  1. Operation, Maintenance and Inspection in accordance with Trackmark and the EA facilities management recommendations for athletics track and field areas and manufacturers or installers instructions as appropriate and in other areas and visual inspection at point of use. Ensure equipment returned clean and dry.  2. No further action.  COVID-19 additions  1. Assign equipment to individuals. Sanitise hands before and after use. For competitions sanitise club shots prior to event and handing to athlete.  2. Arrangements for inspection and weigh-in:  Assign equipment to individuals where possible.  One official will be stationed at inspection and weigh-in.  At inspection and weigh in maintain 2m social distancing at all times.  Official and athlete to sanitise hands and equipment touch points first.  Official steps way Athlete places equipment on scales or inspection area as instructed.	Facility staff, officials, coaches, athletes  1.  Ongoing Routine audit Review status prior to competions / trials / training

			<ul> <li>Athlete must then give way to maintain social distancing to allow official to inspect and weigh equipment.</li> <li>Official to apply sticker or mark to confirm inspection.</li> <li>For smaller events and where measures in place to confirm control official then steps away and athlete to retrieve equipment. Alternatively, official may transfer implement to trolley in a defined athlete location. Officials will move implements to field in order to maintain control and accountability of implement.</li> <li>Sanitise hands afterwards and before touching any other implement of other item.</li> </ul>			
Competition / training Shot Put	Athletes, officials, coaches  Implement impact injury.	<ol> <li>Ensure all throws and practice throws only take place from within the circle and in the direction of the sector.</li> <li>Officials (competition or trial) or any person nominated to mark landings and retrieve implements (training), should stand outside the sector lines and face the thrower.</li> </ol>	Facility  1. No action. 2. No action. 3. No action. 4. No action. No mechanical device installed. 5. No action. 6. No action. 7. No action. 8. No action.	Officials, coaches 2, 5.  Officials, coaches, athletes 1, 3, 4.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training
		<ol> <li>Ensure that only officials (competition) coaches (training) are allowed forward of the throwing circle, except when athletes are allowed to retrieve under supervision.</li> <li>Implements must only be returned by hand or mechanical device.</li> <li>When rotational throwers or those using non-traditional techniques are competing ensure all officials are within a safe distance from the potential flight of the implement.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Athletic Club</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>In line with EA guidance coached session for children (u18's) are limited to 12 children.</li> <li>Athletes must hand carry implements and must not throw, drag, or roll implements on hard surfaces. Treat implements with respect.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> </ol>			

6. Throws must not co unless the Supervisi (competition) or Coa has confirmed offici	ng Official field cards should be populated prior to the competition.
person appointed to landings and retrieve	mark social distancing. e equipment is 3. Arrangements for personnel are as follows:
aware the throw is a progress, and has sign safe to begin.  7. All throws shall only	• In consistent groups for training (agreed and defined cohorts) PHE guidance for out of
from the circle in the the sector and be su	the group size may be increased to 15 for children (up to age 18). Social distancing children over
before commencem throwing to ensure to UKA rules (refere	ent of insufficient evidence are also able to
Athletics Handbook Competition") and t	"Rules of • Athletes to retrieve their own shot. During
Sci viceasic.	2m.  • Limited to minimum number of officials for a compliant competition of three officials, four
	if using EDM, and five athletes per group.  EDM is preferred under Covid-19 as significantly reduces likelihood of contact.
	Chief official remains near circle in proximity     to five athletes and orchestrates rotation of     the group of five athletes and is control of
	warnings, flags and recording measurements.  • Second official will be on opposite side of circle and will be assessing arm action and
	will pull tape through and sweep the circle between athletes if required.  • Sector official (Spotter and prism/tape) will
	mark landing location and ensure sector is clear for throws.  • EDM operator, if used, will set up in a viable
	location away from the cage and outside the sector.  • Any personnel in the field must be briefed
	and are to remain in a safe position and socially distanced by 2m.

			<ul> <li>There is no limit to the number of groups of five athletes providing space is available to socially distance and rotate groups and 'Covid-19 Secure'.</li> <li>If athlete is using chalk it must be personal and must not be shared.</li> <li>Only athletes to retrieve equipment unless hands sanitised before and after contact.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Assign equipment to individuals where possible. One official will be stationed at weigh-in. At weigh in maintain 2m social distancing at all times. Official and athlete to sanitise hands and equipment touch points first. Official steps way Athlete places equipment on scales when instructed. Athlete must then give way to maintain social distancing to allow official tweigh equipment. Official then steps away and athlete to retrieve equipment and affix approved sticker.</li> </ul>			
Implements Hammer	Athletes, officials, coaches, public  Hammer should be serviceable to avoid unforeseen and uncontrolled failures and likelihood of injury.  Surface contamination	1. Implements must be checked before commencement of throwing to ensure they conform to UKA rules (reference UK Athletics Handbook "Rules of Competition") and that they are serviceable, particularly the handle, and the wire and swivel assembly. NOTE: Due to different weights and lengths of wire used for training each implement may not conform to UK Rules in terms of specifications.  2. Ensure that the ends of hammer wires are taped to minimise damage to the netting.  3. Hammers which are caught in upper sections of the netting	1. No action. 2. No action. 3. Establish a safe system of work for retrieval of hammers stuck in upper sections of netting  Athletic Club 1. Operation, Maintenance and Inspection in accordance with Trackmark and the EA facilities management recommendations fo athletics track and field areas and manufacturers or installers instructions as appropriate and in other areas and visual inspection at point of use to ensure conformance with UKA rules for competition and in all other cases	Facility staff, officials, coaches, athletes 1.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

should be retrieved by Facility Staff or delegate from the Athletic Club.	<ul> <li>appropriate for training. Ensure equipment returned clean and dry.</li> <li>Visual inspection at point of use.</li> <li>Follow facility safe system of work for implement retrieval by lowering netting with winch.</li> </ul>	
	COVID-19 additions	
	<ol> <li>Arrangements for inspection and weigh-in:</li> <li>Assign equipment to individuals where possible.</li> <li>One official will be stationed at inspection and weigh-in.</li> <li>At inspection and weigh in maintain 2m social distancing at all times.</li> <li>Official and athlete to sanitise hands and equipment touch points first.</li> <li>Official steps way Athlete places equipment on scales or inspection area as instructed.</li> <li>Athlete must then give way to maintain social distancing to allow official to inspect and weigh equipment.</li> <li>Official to apply sticker or mark to confirm inspection.</li> <li>For smaller events and where measures in place to confirm control official then steps away and athlete to retrieve equipment. Alternatively, official may transfer implement to trolley in a defined athlete location. Officials will move implements to field in order to maintain control and accountability of implement.</li> <li>Sanitise hands afterwards and before touching any other implement of other item.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Ensure touch points with any retrieval equipment, hammer and hands are sanitised.</li> </ol>	

Gloves Hammer	• Injury to hand.	1. Gloves, if worn, should give adequate protection, alternatively if optional protection is used it should provide sufficient protection and not become a hazard. Gloves conform to UKA requirements in that they shall be smooth on the back and on the front and the tips of the glove fingers, other than the thumb, shall be open.	Facility  1. No action.  Athletic Club  1. An individual's equipment. At point of use undertake visual inspection to confirm protection does not become a hazard.  COVID-19 additions  1. Gloves are an individual's equipment or are assigned to an individual. Gloves must not be shared.	Officials, coaches, athletes 1.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training
Competition / training Hammer	Athletes, officials, coaches implement impact injury	<ol> <li>Ensure both gates are correctly positioned and locked before each throw.</li> <li>Ensure all swings, throws and practice throws only take place from the hammer circle within the cage, with the objective to throw in the direction of the sector, and under supervision of an official (competition) or coach (training).</li> <li>During a competition or trial, officials should stand outside the sector lines, and must face the thrower. The warning horn must be sounded to warn that a trial is due to commence especially for the officials within or in the proximity of the throwing sector.</li> <li>Throws must not commence until the supervising official (competition) or coach (training) signals to the athlete that it is safe to throw.</li> <li>It must be emphasised to the athletes that the warning horn is to warn those within or in the vicinity of the throwing sector that a throw is about to commence and is not a signal for them to</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Facility</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>In line with EA guidance coached session for children (u18's) are limited to 12 children.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Athletes must hand carry implements and must not throw, drag, or roll implements on hard surfaces. Treat implements with respect.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>OVID-19 additions</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>So far as is reasonably practicable to do so field cards should be populated prior to the competition. Officials and athletes must maintain 2m social distancing.</li> </ol>	Officials 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.  Officials, athletes 2, 4, 6, 7.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

7. E (c) (t) t) e tc	Implements must only be returned by hand, or mechanical device. Ensure that only officials (competition) or coaches (training) are allowed forward of the mouth of the throwing cage, except when athletes are allowed to retrieve under supervision. Do not run within the throwing sector in wet, slippery conditions.	<ul> <li>In consistent groups for training (agreed and defined cohorts) PHE guidance for out of school settings is relevant and in this case the group size may be increased to 15 for children (up to age 18). Social distancing shall be maintained to ensure children over 13 where the risk is deemed higher due to insufficient evidence are also able to participate.</li> <li>Limited to minimum number of officials for a compliant competition of five officials, four if using tape, and five athletes per group.</li> <li>Chief official remains near cage in proximity to five athletes and orchestrates rotation of the group of five athletes and is control of warnings, flags and recording measurement.</li> <li>Second official (Foot spotter) will be at rear of cage and will assess feet, exit from circle and landing of the implement. When not using the EDM the second official will pull the tape through. The second official will adjust the gates for left/right handed throwers as necessary and sweep the circle between athletes if required.</li> <li>EDM operator will set up in a viable location away from the cage and outside the sector. EDM is preferred under Covid-19 as significantly reduces likelihood of contact.</li> <li>Sector official (Spotter and prism/tape) will mark landing location and ensure sector is clear for throws.</li> <li>Any personnel in the field must be briefed and are to remain in a safe position and socially distanced by 2m.</li> <li>There is no limit to the number of groups of five athletes providing space is available to socially distance and 'Covid-19 Secure'.</li> <li>If athlete is using chalk it must be personal and must not be shared.</li> </ul>		
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			<ol> <li>Warning horn for sole use of either the supervising official or their delegate and contact points must be sanitised at acquisition and return / change in user.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Only athletes to retrieve equipment unless hands sanitised before and after contact.</li> <li>Athletes to retrieve their own hammer. During competition this must be under supervision and whilst maintaining social distancing of 2m. Any athlete in the field having collected their implement must leave the sector and proving safety briefed may remain in the field in a safe location during another athletes throw and must follow any instructions from the officials.</li> <li>No further action.</li> </ol>			
Implements Discus	Athletes, officials, coaches  • Hand injury due to damaged discus. • Surface contamination	<ol> <li>Ensure that surface, including metal rim is not damaged in such a way as to cause injury.</li> <li>Implements must be checked before commencement of throwing to ensure they conform to UKA rules (reference UK Athletics Handbook "Rules of Competition") and that they are serviceable</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Facility</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>Athletic Club</li> <li>Quarterly inspections of club equipment and visual inspection at point of use. Ensure equipment returned clean and dry.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>COVID-19 additions</li> <li>Visual inspection at weigh-in.</li> <li>Arrangements for inspection and weigh-in:         <ul> <li>Assign equipment to individuals where possible.</li> <li>One official will be stationed at inspection and weigh-in.</li> <li>At inspection and weigh in maintain 2m social distancing at all times.</li> <li>Official and athlete to sanitise hands and equipment touch points first.</li> <li>Official steps way Athlete places equipment on scales or inspection area as instructed.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Facility staff, officials, coaches, athletes 1.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

			<ul> <li>Athlete must then give way to maintain social distancing to allow official to inspect and weigh equipment.</li> <li>Official to apply sticker or mark to confirm inspection.</li> <li>For smaller events and where measures in place to confirm control official then steps away and athlete to retrieve equipment. Alternatively, official may transfer implement to trolley in a defined athlete location. Officials will move implements to field in order to maintain control and accountability of implement.</li> <li>Sanitise hands afterwards and before touching any other implement of other item.</li> </ul>			
Competition / training Discus	Athletes, officials, coaches  • Implement impact injury.	<ol> <li>Ensure both gates are correctly positioned and locked in accordance with UK Athletics rules.</li> <li>Ensure all throws and practice throws only take place from the discus circle, within the cage, in the direction of the sector, and under supervision of an official (competition) or coach (training).</li> <li>During a competition or trial, officials should stand outside the sector lines, and must face the thrower. The warning horn must be sounded to warn that a trial is due to commence especially for the officials within or in the proximity of the throwing sector.</li> <li>Throws must not commence until the supervising official (competition) or coach (training) signals to the athlete that it is safe to throw.</li> <li>It must be emphasised to the athletes that the warning horn is to warn those within or in the</li> </ol>	Facility  1. No action. 2. No action. 3. No action. 4. No action. 5. No action. 6. No action. No mechanical device installed. 7. No action. 8. No action.  Athletic Club  1. No further action. 2. No further action. 3. In line with EA guidance coached session for children (u18's) are limited to 12 children. 4. No further action. 5. No further action. 6. Athletes must hand carry implements and must not throw, drag, or roll implements within the sector, cage, circle, or facility. Or anywhere else! Treat implements with respect. 7. No further action. 8. No further action. 8. No further action.	Officials, coaches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.  Officials, coaches athletes 2, 4, 6, 7.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

	vicinity of the throwing sector that	1. No further action.	
	a throw is about to commence	2. So far as is reasonably practicable to do so	
	and is not a signal for them to	field cards should be populated prior to the	
	commence throwing.	competition.	
	6. Implements must only be	3. Arrangements for personnel are as follows:	
	returned by hand, or mechanical		
	device.	In consistent groups for training (agreed and	
	7. Ensure that only officials	defined cohorts) PHE guidance for out of	
	(competition) or coaches	school settings is relevant and in this case	
	(training) are allowed forward of	the group size may be increased to 15 for	
	the mouth of the throwing cage,	children (up to age 18). Social distancing	
	except when athletes are allowed	shall be maintained to ensure children over	
	to retrieve under supervision.	13 where the risk is deemed higher due to	
		insufficient evidence are also able to	
	8. Do not run within the throwing	participate.	
	sector in wet, slippery conditions	Limited to minimum number of officials for a	
		compliant competition of five officials and	
		five athletes per group. Four officials if not	
		using EDM. EDM is preferred under Covid-	
		19 as significantly reduces likelihood of	
		contact.	
		Chief official remains near cage in proximity  As five athletes and push attention of	
		to five athletes and orchestrates rotation of	
		the group of five athletes and is control of	
		warnings, flags and recording measurement.	
		Second official (Foot spotter) will be at rear	
		of cage and will assess feet, exit from circle	
		and landing of the implement. When not	
		using the EDM the second official will pull	
		the tape through and sweep the circle	
		between athletes if required.	
		EDM operator, when used, will set up in a	
		viable location away from the cage and	
		outside the sector.	
		Sector official (Spotter and prism/tape) will	
		mark landing location and ensure sector is	
		clear for throws.	
		Any personnel in the field must be briefed	
		and are to remain in a safe position and	
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		socially distanced by 2m.	

			<ul> <li>There is no limit to the number of groups of five athletes providing space is available to socially distance and 'Covid-19 Secure'.</li> <li>If athlete is using chalk it must be personal and must not be shared.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Only athletes to retrieve equipment unless hands sanitised before and after contact.</li> <li>Athletes to retrieve their own discus. During competition this must be under supervision and whilst maintaining social distancing of 2m.</li> <li>No further action.</li> </ul>			
Runway Javelin  •	Athletes, officials <ul> <li>slipping, tripping, due to wet, worn, damaged surface, or encroaching measuring tape or obstructive check markers</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Examine runway to ensure no worn or damaged areas.</li> <li>Regularly clean any drainage ducts around runway.</li> <li>Regularly clean porous surfaces to allow drainage.</li> <li>Sweep runway to remove excess water and/or grit, dirt.</li> <li>Ensure that no obstructive check marks are placed on the runway.</li> <li>Ensure that throws are supervised to ensure athletes throw only when the runway is clear.</li> <li>Ensure measuring tapes do not encroach on the runway.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Pacility</li> <li>Quarterly inspection.</li> <li>n/a</li> <li>Quarterly inspection. Cleaning per installers instructions.</li> <li>Inspect weekly and sweep as required.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>Wisual inspection at point of use.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> </ol>	Facility staff 2, 3.  Facility staff, officials 1, 4.  Officials, athletes 5, 6, 7.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

			7. No further action.				
Implements Javelin	Injury caused by loose or damaged grip;      Officials     implement impact injury caused by abnormal flight characteristics of bent/bowed javelin.      Athletes and Officials     Surface contamination	1. Implements must be checked before commencement of throwing to ensure they conform to UKA rules (reference UK Athletics Handbook "Rules of Competition") in particular that they have a serviceable grip and profile.	<ol> <li>Facility</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>Athletic Club</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>COVID-19 additions</li> <li>Arrangements for inspection and weigh-in:         <ul> <li>Assign equipment to individuals where possible.</li> <li>One official will be stationed at inspection and weigh-in.</li> <li>At inspection and weigh in maintain 2m social distancing at all times.</li> <li>Official and athlete to sanitise hands and equipment touch points first.</li> <li>Official steps way Athlete places equipment on scales or inspection area as instructed.</li> <li>Athlete must then give way to maintain social distancing to allow official to inspect and weigh equipment.</li> <li>Official to apply sticker or mark to confirm inspection.</li> <li>For smaller events and where measures in place to confirm control official then steps away and athlete to retrieve equipment. Alternatively, official may transfer implement to trolley in a defined athlete location. Officials will move implements to field in order to maintain control and accountability of implement.</li> <li>Sanitise hands afterwards and before touching any other implement of other item.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	sta offi coati	aff, ificials, paches, phletes	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training
Competition / training Javelin	Athletes, officials, coaches  • implement impact injury;	Where track kerbing is in the run up line, ensure that it is removed before the event, placed in a safe area, and replaced after the event.	Facility  1. No further action. 2. No action. 3. No action. 4. No action. 5. No action.	1,	fficials, paches 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti

Athletes, officials	2.	All throws must only take place	6. No action.	Officials,	 ons /
		from the runway in the direction	7. No action. No mechanical device installed.	coaches	trials /
implement impact     injury soused by		of the throwing sector.	8. No action.	athletes	training
injury caused by	3.	During a competition or trial,	9. No action.	2, 4, 6, 7.	
athletes using implements for		officials should stand outside the	Athletic Club		
loosening-up		sector lines, and must face the	1. No further action.		
exercises;		thrower. The warning horn must	2. No further action.		
ŕ		be sounded to warn that a throw	In line with EA guidance coached session for		
Athletes		is due to commence, especially for the officials within, or in the	children (u18's) are limited to 12 children.		
<ul> <li>tripping over</li> </ul>		proximity of the throwing sector.	4. No further action.		
track kerbing.	4.	Throws must not commence until	5. No further action.		
		the supervising official	6. No further action.		
		(competition) or coach (training)	7. Athletes must hand carry implements and		
		signals to the athlete that it is safe	must not throw, drag, or roll implements.		
		to throw.	Treat implements with respect.		
	5.	It must be emphasised to the	8. No further action.		
		athletes that the warning horn is	COVID-19 additions		
		to warn those within or in the	1. No further action.		
		vicinity of the sector that a throw	2. So far as is reasonably practicable to do so		
		is about to commence, and is not	field cards should be populated prior to the		
		a signal for them to commence	competition.		
	6.	throwing. When approaching a thrown	3. Arrangements for personnel are as follows:		
	_	javelin to mark the point of	In consistent groups for training (agreed and		
		landing, or retrieve it, approach	defined cohorts) PHE guidance for out of		
		the javelin from the side and not	school settings is relevant and in this case		
		from the pointed tail end of the	the group size may be increased to 15 for		
		implement.	children (up to age 18). Social distancing		
	7.	Implement must only be returned	shall be maintained to ensure children over		
		by hand, held vertically, or by	13 where the risk is deemed higher due to		
		mechanical device.	insufficient evidence are also able to		
	8.	Ensure that only officials	participate.		
		(competition) or coaches	Limited to minimum number of officials for a		
		(training) are allowed forward of	compliant competition of five officials and		
		the throwing line except when	five athletes per group. Four officials if not		
		athletes are allowed to retrieve	using EDM. EDM is preferred under Covid-		
		under supervision.	19 as significantly reduces likelihood of		
	9.	Do not run within the throwing	contact.		
		sector in wet, slippery conditions.	Chief official remains near throwing line at		
		, , , ,	end of runway in proximity to five athletes		
			and orchestrates rotation of the group of five		

			athletes and is control of warnings, flags and recording measurement.  Second official controls runway, assessed arm action, implement landing and exit from runway and sweep the circle between athletes if required. They will be located on the opposite side of runway to chief official and athletes.  EDM operator, when used, will set up in a viable location away from the runway and outside the sector.  Sector official (Spotter and prism/tape) will mark landing location and ensure sector is clear for throws.  Any personnel in the field must be briefed and are to remain in a safe position and socially distanced by 2m.  There is no limit to the number of groups of five athletes providing space is available to socially distance and 'Covid-19 Secure'.  If athlete is using chalk it must be personal and must not be shared.  No further action.  No further action.  No further action.  Athletes to retrieve equipment unless hands sanitised before and after contact.  No further action.  Athletes to retrieve their own javelin. During competition this must be under supervision and whilst maintaining social distancing of 2m.  No further action.			
Weather	Officials and others within proximity of sector  implement impact injury – caused by wind strength	<ol> <li>Be aware of the effect of strong winds on the flight characteristics of a javelin in flight.</li> <li>Be positioned upwind of flight during trials, competitions or training.</li> <li>Ensure that any non-associated persons within proximity of the</li> </ol>	Facility  1. No action. 2. No action 3. No action  Athletic Club  1. No further action. 2. No further action.	Officials, coaches 1, 2, 3.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons /

	effect on implement	throwing sector are upwind of the flight path of the implement.	<ol> <li>No further action.</li> <li>COVID-19 additions</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> </ol>			trials / training
Scoreboard revolving	Impact injury from scoreboard revolving in wind	When revolving scoreboards are used, ensure they do not revolve over or are sited close to the runway, and are well ballasted or secured at ground level.	Facility  1. No further action.  Athletic Club  1. No further action.  COVID-19 additions  1. No action.	Facility staff, officials 1.	-	-
Measuring equipment	Officials, coaches, athletes  Obstruction / trip hazard Surface contamination	<ol> <li>When using tape measures, official (competition) or coach/athlete (training) to look at point or origin and warn anyone crossing the tape of the trip hazard.</li> <li>Both ends of the tape held.</li> <li>Electronic distance measurement equipment supervised and used by trained personnel.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No action.</li> <li>No further.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>No further action.</li> <li>Limit to one person at each end of the tape. Sanitise tape touch points at collection and return. Avoid contact with tape. Maintain social distancing of 2m.</li> <li>Limit to one user for electronic distance measurer and one user for staff. Due to sensitive nature of equipment sanitise hands prior to contact and avoid contact for at least one minute to allow alcohol to evaporate as otherwise any print on buttons may be inadvertently removed. Maintain social distancing.</li> </ol>	Officials 1, 2, 3.  Coaches, athletes 1, 2.	Ongoing	Routine audit Review status prior to competiti ons / trials / training

**Track Zones** 

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