

## Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Blacktoft Beacon District	Date of risk assessment	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Rachael Macadam Deputy District Commissioner Blacktoft Beacon District Scouts
	Big Ball	Date of next review	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 or sooner if required.		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<b>Faulty equipment</b> Injury to users	Anyone using the equipment	Supervising adults to check all equipment prior to using it – ball, pump and extension lead. Report any damages to District Team before returning to District Stores.	
<b>Improper use of equipment</b> Causing injury or damage to users Causing damage to ball	Anyone using the equipment	Users to be appropriately supervised whilst using the ball. Users to be briefed on correct and safe usage of the ball before beginning the activity. A signal system set up at the start of the activity session and shared with users, to notify them of when they need to stop the ball moving (e.g. blasts on a whistle).	
<b>Floor</b> Slips, trips, falls Rough surfaces or sharp objects causing a puncture to the ball Wet grass	Anyone using the equipment	Ensure ground is suitable to use equipment on, clearing any obstructions as required. The Big Ball should only be used on grass. Set boundaries and ensure users know these before beginning. Ensure users have suitable footwear on. Consider safety of users before beginning if grass is wet, causing the ground to be unsuitable.	
<b>Weather</b> Risk of extreme temperatures during the activity session Wet grass	Anyone using the equipment	Ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing for the weather. Consider safety of users before beginning if grass is wet, or weather causes it to become wet during the activity, causing the ground to be unsuitable.	
<b>Other users</b> Collisions, tripping up, pushing, grabbing others or their clothing	Anyone using the equipment	Users to be appropriately supervised whilst using the equipment. Supervising adults to ensure there are not too many users with the ball at once. Supervising adults to consider grouping users by age and/or size to use the ball.	
<b>Behaviour</b> Overexcitement and not following rules or instructions could lead to accidents	Anyone using the equipment	Users to be appropriately supervised whilst using the equipment. Use of the signal system to stop the ball moving, if users are not following the briefing on correct and safe usage of the ball.	
<b>Bystanders or spectators</b> Collisions with them causing injuries	Anyone using the equipment Supervising adults Bystanders or spectators	Set boundaries and ensure users know these before beginning. Use of the signal system to stop the ball moving, before users and the ball cross the set boundaries.	

You can find more information in the Safety checklist for leaders and at [scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety)

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