

Risk Assessment General – Connexus Tennis

| Description            | Hazard          | Risk Rating | Who might be harmed and how   | Control Measures   | Resultant Risk Rating | Responsibility                    |
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| <b>1. Playing area</b> | Courts          | M           | Players – slip, trips   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courts must be checked before use and any extraneous objects removed</li> <li>Moss, algae and vegetation treated as required</li> <li>Ensure that net fixtures and posts are secure and safe</li> </ul>   | L                     | Players and committee             |
|                        | Fencing         | M           | Players – cuts from loose wiring<br>Spectators/public from balls hit through holes (over fencing) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencing should be checked on a regular basis</li> <li>Holes should be repaired when necessary</li> </ul>  | L                     | committee                         |
|                        | Floodlights     | M           | Players – collisions into stanchions;<br>danger from insufficient light.                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Floodlighting should be serviced as required</li> <li>Lights should be switched on when necessary</li> </ul>  | L                     | committee                         |
|                        | Weather         | M           | Players – slips, falls  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courts must be checked before use</li> <li>Play not permitted when courts are icy</li> </ul>  | L                     | Players and committee             |
| <b>2. General play</b> | Personal injury | M           | Players – collisions, trips, slips  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players should be taught court awareness</li> <li>Players should ensure that they have the correct footwear for the conditions</li> <li>Players should be medically fit for the activities they plan to take part in</li> <li>Ideally players should warm up before play</li> <li>Eating and chewing while playing is not permitted</li> <li>It is recommended that any jewellery be removed or taped up</li> <li>Consider danger to players with poor coordination or reaction speed</li> <li>Ensure that players' equipment bags are positioned off the courts or on/around the provided benches and are not in a dangerous position for other players</li> <li>Loose balls should always be removed from the playing area</li> <li>Players (especially beginners and juniors) should be warned of the dangers of colliding with netting benches, posts and fencing.</li> </ul> | L                     | Players, coaches and committee    |
| <b>3. Spectators</b>   | Personal injury | M           | Spectators- impact injuries   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectators should remain outside the playing area</li> <li>Spectators should stand back from the fencing</li> </ul>   | L                     | Players, spectators and committee |
| <b>4. Coaching</b>     | Personal injury | M           | Players – collisions, trips, falls  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All activities must have appropriate staffing ratios</li> <li>Junior players must be supervised at all times.</li> <li>Coaches must be suitable qualified</li> <li>Coaches should ensure that participants are suitable dressed and with adequate footwear</li> </ul>   | L                     | Coaches and committee             |

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|                                     |   |   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities must be suited to the age and ability of the participants</li> <li>• Participants should have adequate levels of fitness for the activities</li> </ul>   |   |   |
| <b>5. Social activities</b>         | Barbeques, American tournaments etc.    | M | Club members, guests – falls, trips, burns<br>Juniors access to alcohol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that any games or other activities are held away from cooking areas</li> <li>• Ensure that cooking areas are supervised and that all necessary precautions are taken</li> <li>• Depending on the specific social event, ensure that additional control measures are put in place when necessary</li> <li>• No alcohol should be left in the clubhouse after matches or social events</li> </ul>  | L | Players, parents (of juniors) and committee |
| <b>6. Accidents and emergencies</b> | Illness, accidents, injuries            | M | All club members- illness, falls, trips, collisions, other incidents    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the first aid box is adequately equipped and checked regularly</li> <li>• Ensure that all club members are aware of the location of the first aid box</li> <li>• Ensure that access to the clubhouse is available during all club sessions</li> <li>• Ensure that means of communication with emergency services are available at all club sessions</li> <li>• Ensure that all accidents are recorded in the accident book which should be kept in the clubhouse</li> <li>• Make sure everybody attending the event is aware where the defibrillator is located at the Memorial Hall</li> <li>• Ensure access is clear for emergency services using the gate from the road (near the bowling club) if required</li> </ul> | L | Committee and players                       |
| <b>7. Safeguarding</b>              | Photography , video and data protection | M | Sharing images on social media (see separate safeguarding policy)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The membership form asks for consent to display telephone numbers, use images in the clubhouse and the website</li> <li>• Members of the public taking photos or videos of anybody on the courts (especially juniors) must be challenged by the members present</li> </ul>  | L | Players, committee and parents              |