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GROUND/PLAYING CRICKET					
Communication of safety procedures	Players, Match Officials, Spectators, Visitors to the Club, Members of the club, Facility users, Volunteers are not aware of the safety procedures	Low - check that the safety procedures are published and posted for all to see. Ensure volunteers and staff have access to information relating to safety procedures	Post notices before each game or event	Captain, Committee Members, Bar Manager	Ongoing throughout the season (matches) and off season (social)
Playing and training area surfaces	Players, Match Officials, Spectators, Members of the club - may be injured by items on ground of the playing or training areas	Low - check that the playing and training surfaces are free from obstruction and safe to use	None	Coaches, Captains, Grounds Team	Ongoing, pre-match, pre-training and during grounds maintenance
Injury during training or matches	Players, Match Officials, Members of the Club may be injured during play or training	Low - all matches and training sessions are properly regulated with ECB, NCF and League guidance	None	Umpires, Captains and Coaches	Ongoing
Tripping, slipping or being hit by the ball due to bumpy or wet outdoor playing surface (includes artificial wicket)	Players, Match Officials, spectators - risk of injury	Low - check spectators are at a safe distance, check that playing surfaces are maintained to a good condition. Umpires and Captains to decide if ground is safe to play on	Regular maintenance pre/during/post season	Grounds team, captains, coaches and umpires	Pre/during/post season
Playing with a medical condition	Players - medical difficulty	Low - check club records are up to date with medical information and contact details are available. Players are encouraged to share any injuries or medical conditions before activity starts	Team Captains to be made aware of any medical conditions	Club Safeguarding Officer, coaches and captains	Ahead of first game of the season and then as appropriate
Players getting injured because they have not warmed up properly	Players - injury	Low - players encouraged to warm up and cool down and to wear appropriate clothing in relation to the weather		Coaches, Captains and players	Pre-season and throughout the season
Lack of suitable protective equipment	Players - injury	Low - Players wear appropriate protective equipment (helmet, pads, gloves and abdo guard). Junior players to wear protective equipment in line with ECB and NCF guidance	Youth players advised of protective equipment requirements	Captains, players, coaches	Ongoing for all players for matches and training



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Wicket Keeping injuries from being incorrectly positioned for different bowling styles, or being hit by the ball from an edge. Losing the ball in the sun	Players - injury	Low - WK to wear correct protective equipment, a sun hat/cap, standing up to the wicket where competent	None	Captains, players, coaches	Throughout the playing season
Dehydration	Players, Match Officials, spectators with a medical problem	Low - players encouraged to keep hydrated. Regular drinks breaks for players and officials on hot days and where juniors are playing in open age cricket. Remove players to shaded and cool conditions. Seek medical attention if required.	None	Captains, players, coaches	Ongoing
Sunburn and heatstroke	Players, Match Officials, spectators with a medical problem	Low - apply sun cream, keep hydrated, wear a hat. Seek medical attention if required	None	Captains, players, coaches	Ongoing
Sight screens are heavy to move	Players or spectators - risk of injury	Low - encourage two players to move each sight screen on the first team pitch	Reduced weight by 2025 renovation. Regular inspection of wheels/tyres	Captains, players Grounds team	Ongoing during the season
Spectators hit by the ball	Spectators	Low - spectators kept away from playing areas and watch from boundary. Boundary to be clearly marked	None	Coaches and captains	Ongoing
Spectators or players injured by low hanging tree branches	Spectators, visitors, players - injury	Low - regular inspection and tree maintenance	None	Grounds team and committee members	Ongoing
Lack of an adequate first aid kit or first aid provision	Players, Match Officials, Spectators, Visitors to the Club, Members of the club, Facility users, Volunteers - lack of assistance with basic first aid	Low - each captain and youth coach has a first aid kit. Maintain adequate first aid equipment. Ice packs first aid kit available at clubhouse.	Ensure first aid kit is accessible, stocked and clearly marked	Safeguarding officer, Coaches and captains	Ongoing
Location of defibrillator	Players, Match Officials, Spectators, Visitors to the Club, Members of the club, Facility users, Volunteers - medical problem	Low - check awareness of defibrillator	Committee members and captains aware of location of defibrillator.	Checked by Club Chairman weekly and after each use	Ongoing throughout the year



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Injury during nets practice - balls being hit back down the lane	Players and Coaches - risk of injury	Medium - maintain nets in good order - netting, surface. Placement of suitable notices, enforce net practice protocol	Continuous education of players to ensure they take care. Follow net practice protocols. Signs stating the rules and enforced by club officials when present	Ground team, coaches, committee members	Ongoing during the season
Safeguarding		Low - the club has adopted the ECB Safe Hands policy and follows its guidance	Continuous education of captains, coaches and management committee to ensure we are operating within the guidance. Club Safeguarding officer known to players, parents, coaches to allow open dialogue about any concerns. Use NCF resources as required to support CSO	Club Safeguarding Officer, coaches, captians, management committee	Ongoing
Unaccompanied children	Children being physically harmed from inappropriate use or access to equipment Parents' contact details and children's medical information is not available in the event of an emergency Members being required to manage children's unruly or dangerous behaviour	Medium - all members are aware of how to raise a concern with a committee member.	None	Members, Committee Members	Ongoing
Use of and maintenance of motorised heavy roller and mower equipment	Players, grounds team, volunteers - injury	Low - ensure due care with motorised heavy roller and mowing equipment. Ensure all grounds team and volunteers likely to use the equipment have been properly trained and are competent or are properly supervised by a competent member of the grounds team. Ensure equipment is subject to a regular, routine servicing and maintenance regime. Records of maintenance are maintained. Wear ear defenders and protective footwear where appropriate	Train up volunteers. Controls, maintenance regime and training records documented, refreshed and in place by start of each season	Grounds team, Committee members	Ongoing



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Manual Handling	Ground team and volunteers - injury	Low - avoid carrying and lifting heavy items without assistance. Avoid using small tools without due care and attention	Ensure small power tools and non-powered tools and equipment are subject to a regular routine service and maintenance regime. Controls, maintenance regime and training records documented, refreshed and in place by start of each season	Grounds team	Ongoing
Access for emergency vehicles	There is a risk that emergency vehicles cannot gain access to the playing field, delaying first aid treatment or transport to medical facilities for visitors and members	Low - Access is available for emergency vehicles to access the grounds (pitch and car park). Available mobile phone with nearest hospital details posted on notice board.	None	Committee Members, Grounds team	Ongoing
Car Park surface is uneven	Members and Visitors may find surface difficult to walk on	Low - car park inspected, pot holes filled	Regular inspection of the car park surface	Prioritise repairs	Monthly
Access to the car park for pedestrians	Pedestrians may be struck by vehicles, especially in areas where vehicles are maneuvering in/out of the car park.	Low - clear and informative signage for pedestrians and vehicles, including directional signs and warnings.	Supervised gate during high traffic events	Committee members	Ongoing
Dogs fouling on the ground	Members and Visitors may be exposed to dog mess.	Low - signage across the ground at various points including at the entrance (dogs on leads, clear up mess)	Refresh signage across the ground. Regular communication with members. Regular inspection of the grounds to remove dog mess	Committee members and Grounds team	Start of each playing season, Weekly removal during the playing season
Outdoor furniture falls into disrepair	Members and Visitors may be injured if outdoor furniture is unsafe	Low - regular inspection and repair of outdoor furniture	None	Committee Members	Ongoing
BUILDINGS					
Access to clubhouse	Visitors to the Club, Members of the Club - access in case of fire	Low - doorways are clearly positioned and obstructions are not allowed to block access routes. Strict no smoking policy in place in the clubhouse, kitchie, bar area, toilets and changing rooms.	None	Committee Members	



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Food hygiene	Visitors to the Club, Members of the club - may consume food which has not been prepared according to food hygiene regulations	Low - the premises include a kitchen. Food preparation complies with the food hygiene regulations as applied by the local authority, if appropriate	Food prepared or served in the kitchen area needs to meet all health and hygiene regulations	Committee Members and Bar Manager	Ongoing
Alcohol	Visitors to the Club, Members of the club - may consume too much alcohol	Low - bar staff trained and supported to stop serving customers if they appear to be inebriated. Age checks/ID verification for any customer who looks under the age of 21	Continuous training for bar staff.	Bar Manager, Committee Members	Ongoing
Hazardous substances	Visitors to the Club, Members of the club, Facility users - toxic poisoning, inhalation of fumes	Low - cleaning materials are stored safely and used by a small number of adults. Materials used by the grounds team are stored in the garage/storage container	None	Committee Members, Captains, Grounds Team	Ongoing
Transport	Visitors to the Club, Members of the club, Facility users - vehicle accidents and vehicles causing obstruction	Low - access to the car park is through an entrance from the public highway. The car park is adequate under normal circumstances. Additional parking is available at the perimeter of the outfield and also at a local council car park near to the ground	None	Committee Members	Ongoing
Children in the car park	Children - injury and damage to vehicles	Low - members will advise children not to play in the car park area	None	Committee Members, Captains	Match days during the season
Vandalism	Visitors to the Club, Members of the club, Facility users - injury or damage to vehicles and ground equipment	Low - the club will regularly inspect the facility and attempt to repair any damage as soon as possible	None	Committee Members	Ongoing

Date assessment was prepared: **Saturday 8th April 2025**

Date of next review: **8th April 2026**

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