



Isis Cricket Club – Health and Safety Risk Assessment (Applies to Queens College Sports Ground or any other ground hired by the club)



Context

- Isis Cricket Club was formed in 1987. The club seeks to offer coaching and competitive opportunities in cricket to members of The Club according to the codes of conduct of the England and Wales Cricket Board.
- The club adopts the ECB's Code of Conduct, Spirit of the Game and Safe Hands policies which therefore form parts of the constitution of the Club.
- The club is a not-for-profit unincorporated association, run by volunteers elected to office.
- The club plays friendly-only cricket, and is not a member of any league. The club is affiliated to the Oxfordshire Cricket Board.
- The club owns no assets, save for a kit bag and playing equipment, which is inspected for quality regularly such that any damaged kit is discarded and replaced.
- The club operates under a set of operating guidelines, which detail the duties of officers and members, and incorporates the constitution of the club. The business of the club is conducted by an elected committee.
- The club charges a membership fee, which affords members preference in selection, but does occasionally afford the opportunity for non-members to represent the club.
- The club charges a match day fee, which together with membership fees covers the hire of ground, the cost of teas and purchase of equipment.
- Annual income is dictated by the number of members and the number of matches played. Annual income has never exceeded £5,000, and is usually between £3,500 and £4,000.
- The club has had an association with Queens College, Oxford, and has hired the sports ground at Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4PP annually since its formation.
- The ground is very far from the nearest road and is flanked on three sides by open ground, and on the fourth side by the River Thames opposite the university boat houses adjacent to Christchurch Meadow. The tow-path is fenced off and a fair distance from the boundary of the cricket playing field. The public can view play from beyond the fence as they pass the ground, and from time to time do enter the grounds via a gate at one corner of the field to sit and watch and pass the time of day. We consider the ground one of the finest of its kind, and a safe environment for all.
- The club has access to Queen College on no more than 20 occasions each season for the ground hire fee paid. From time to time the club does hire alternate grounds on an as-needed basis according to the fixture list, or plays at away venues either owned or hired by opposing teams.
- The club has 28 members in 2022 and only puts out one team at any one time.
- This risk assessment has been conducted on behalf of the committee of Isis Cricket Club by a named officer of the club, and reviewed and endorsed by a second named officer.
- It will be proposed and seconded as a true and fair assessment in the minutes in the committee meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 9th August 2022.

Risk Assessed By: Allan East

Office: Chairman

Date: 9th August 2022

Reviewed By: Keith Ponsford

Office: President, Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Date: 9th August 2022



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Hazards	Persons/Property at Risk	Nature of Risk	Level of Risk	Action taken to manage risk	Action to be taken by:
Selection and participation of young players	Junior players and spectators under the age of 18	Injury, Unsafe Environment	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECB Helmets, Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations should always be adhered to for junior players of both sides (for details see https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/106374). Throughout this risk analysis, junior means anybody under the age of 18. Isis Cricket Club commits to provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and friendly for children and for all people to enjoy the game of cricket. The Club adopts the ECB's "Safe Hands" Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy Statement" as part of its constitution. Junior players must not be permitted entry to any communal changing area in which adults are changing and showering, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. A Safeguarding Officer is appointed as an Officer of the club, and is accountable for all matters of welfare At least three committee members must undergo DBS checks, which must be renewed every three years An officer of the club that is DBS certified must be present for any club activity involving juniors and is accountable for ensuring that the club provides them an environment that is safe from abuse of any kind For the avoidance of doubt, it is preferred that juniors travel with a parent or guardian to matches, home and away. In the event that consent is given for the junior to travel with a club member, then two members should be present with at least one of those being DBS-certified. 	Safeguarding Officer, Committee, Umpires, Captains
Access and Egress	Users of the pavilion	Injury from Fire	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all doorways (pavilion and changing area) are free of obstacles and trip hazards of any kind 	Groundsman/Vendor, Captains and Players
Slipping, Tripping and Falling	Players, Umpires, Public	Injury	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players must be warned to remove spiked footwear in and around the pavilion and changing areas Ensure all doorways (pavilion and changing area) are free of obstacles and trip hazards of any kind Ensure kit bags are stored on or under seats in the changing area and do not obstruct walkways 	Captains and Players
Choking	Players, Umpires,	Injury	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the club does provide teas for players of both sides, in the unlikely event of choking the club must ensure that a trained first-aidier, whether player, umpire or spectator should be present for every game. 	Committee



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Spectator injury during matches	Public or family-members of players	Injury	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure any spectators are at a safe distance beyond the boundary line, which must be clearly marked. Play must be stopped in the event that anybody enters the field of play that is not involved in the game A first-aid kit should be available at all matches and training sessions The club has taken out public liability insurance cover of £5 million which is due for renewal every May. 	Umpires and Captains
Player injury during matches	Players, Umpires, Public	Injury	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matches must be properly regulated according to the laws of cricket Before play begins, ensure playing surface and outfield is in good condition and safe and free from obstacles. Players should be encouraged to warm up and cool down. Players wear appropriate protective equipment (pads, box, gloves and optional helmet). Any player with a suspected concussion must be removed from the field of play, transported to hospital or a suitable medical practice and undergo healthcare professional assessment. Play must be stopped in the event that any animal enters the field of play, with the exception of wild birdlife in the outfield. A first-aid kit should be available at all matches and training sessions Players should be encouraged to use sun screen in sunny conditions Players should be encouraged to remove jewellery Umpires, in conjunction with the captains, must not allow play to continue in slippery conditions. Players are advised to take out personal accident insurance. 	Umpires and Captains
Medical Conditions	Players	Medical issues	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players should disclose any injuries or medical conditions before activity starts. Players should be encouraged to rehydrate often – extra drinks breaks should feature in hot conditions 	Captains and Players
Availability of suitable equipment	Players	Injury	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While most players carry own kit, the club also provides playing and protective equipment (bats, pads, gloves, box and optional helmets) The quality of club kit should be regularly inspected, and any damaged items must be discarded and replaced. It is mandatory for juniors to wear a good-fitting helmet 	Committee and Captains



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Maintenance, Manual Handling or Use of Maintenance Equipment	Players, members and visitors	Injury, Public Liability	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the exclusion of movement of mobile wicket-covers provided by Queens College, members and guests are forbidden to participate in any form of ground maintenance or use of maintenance equipment; the club hires grounds that are maintained by the vendor. Anybody acceding to participate in any maintenance activity at a cricket ground must be told that Isis Cricket Club accepts no liability and they do so at their own risk. 	Committee and Captains
Access for emergency vehicles	Players, members and visitors	Emergency services not able to reach a injured person	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A working telephone is available at Queens College Sports Ground with access to emergency numbers. In the event that entry to the pavilion cannot be made, ensure that at least one member of the team has an operational mobile phone. Ensure cars do not obstruct the driveway Ensure that a responsible adult is deployed to direct emergency vehicles if and when needed. Direct drivers to move cars if they are obstructing access to the field of play 	Captains, Committee
Accidental Damage	Players, members, visitors and the public	Damage to Property or Person		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is possible that well-hit balls can travel distances that it is difficult to safeguard against. Umpires, captains and players must remain vigilant to any risk when playing at home or away, and play modified accordingly. Vehicles must always be parked in designated parking areas and away from the field of play. 	Umpires, Captains and Players
Health and Safety risk mitigations are unknown	Members, Players, Umpires	Mitigating actions not taken	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment and mitigating actions to be sent to all members Risk assessment and mitigating actions to be published to the Isis website 	Secretary Treasurer (in the role of webmaster)


(Allan East, Chairperson)


(Keith Ponstford, President and Deputy Safeguarding Officer)

9th August 2022