

Maranatha Recreation Camp - Yandina

Risk Assessment – Rocket Ball

Description

A game of aim using a metre high slingshot fixed in the ground. Rocket ball allows participants to test their skills by shooting tennis balls at a gong. The Rocket Ball activity can also incorporate a Rounders-like team game with a fielding team and a shooting team. Rocket Ball is a Baseball/T-Ball style game using slingshots instead of bats. Teams try to score home runs. To shoot, players get a tennis ball and put it in the pouch of the sling. Game rules and scoring systems can vary according to age and abilities of participants and time constraints.

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
Physical & Equipment Hazards	L	Instructors and responsible adults monitor and supervise activity and designate out of bounds areas. Group stays in designated area when waiting their turns. Movement to and from safe areas is supervised. Instructor supervises the shooters and fielders to ensure fielders do not come within 5 metres of the shooters in order to minimise injury if hit by a tennis ball. Shooters are provided with instruction on how to use the slingshots correctly to avoid injury to the shooters. Shooters are instructed not to aim at people
Biological Hazards	L	Ensure adequate supervision. Ensure participants use insect repellent. Ensure participants check for ticks afterwards. First Aider always with group with First Aid kit. Instructors have mobile phones to call for assistance in emergency. First Aid room is located at the camp adjacent to the main dining room.
Personal Safety	L	Instructors create a non-threatening environment where everyone feels welcome to participate. Instructors encourage teams to support each other and guide participants through the experience. Instructors and supervising adults ensure all equipment is used correctly. Instructors request participants to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Sun Safety practiced
Environmental Impact	L	Instructors remind each group about minimum environmental impact practices, and ensure no rubbish is left at the site and no damage is done to the vegetation. Instructors and Manager & WHSO regularly visually inspect Rocket Ball site and remove any items deemed a hazard. Tracks and sitting areas are inspected and maintained free of branches and rocks, litter or other debris prior to use by a group. All hazards are reported to WHSO. Instructors monitor weather conditions. Activity may be cancelled if there is high wind, heavy rain, storm or lightening. Instructors provide group with warnings if tracks or ropes or ladders are wet and/or slippery. After heavy rain the oval may become waterlogged or boggy requiring areas to be cordoned off.
Inclusivity Adaptations		Assisted pulling of the slingshot is possible by a competent adult to allow increased participation. The rocket ball field can be set up on a smaller scale if required. We have two Rocket Ball field locations. The field on the west side of camp is more accessible for wheelchairs and scooters.

Risk Priority Matrix:

E= Extreme H= High M= Moderate L= Low

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