

Risk assessment for the limited opening of Tonbridge Canoe Club during the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

<b>What are the hazards?</b>	<b>Who might be harmed and how?</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<p>Spread of SARS-CoV-2 via contact with doors and door furniture</p>	<p>Members opening doors to club boat stores may become infected with SARS-CoV-2 and subsequently contract COVID-19.</p>	<p>Members reminded to follow government guidance regarding regular hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use of alcohol based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) to minimise transfer of virus from hands to face.</p> <p>Club will provide alcohol based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) inside doors of club for use by members on arrival and after touching door furniture.</p> <p>At scheduled sessions the doors will be kept open to minimise unnecessary contact under supervision session supervisor.</p> <p>Club will provide alcohol based spray (minimum 60% alcohol) to sanitise door furniture after use.</p> <p>Procedure for use of doors and sanitisers to be circulated to members.</p>
<p>Spread of SARS-CoV-2 via contact with boats and equipment</p>	<p>Members using communal club equipment such as boats, paddles and personal floatation devices (PFDs) may become infected with SARS-CoV-2 and subsequently contract COVID-19.</p>	<p>Members reminded to follow government guidance regarding regular hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use of alcohol based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) to minimise transfer of virus from hands to face.</p> <p>Club will provide alcohol based spray (minimum 60% alcohol) to sanitise boats</p>

		<p>and paddles before use and after return to storage.</p> <p>Club will provide alcohol based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) inside doors of club for use by members after touching alcohol spray bottles.</p> <p>Members will be encouraged to use personal PFDs where possible. Any club PFDs used must be washed in the river after use and immediately returned to storage with minimal handling.</p> <p>At scheduled sessions, the session supervisor will ensure members remember to clean boats and paddles after use.</p> <p>Procedure for cleaning equipment to be circulated to members.</p>
<p>Spread of SARS-CoV-2 via aerosol projection by infected third parties</p>	<p>Members coming into close proximity to infected third parties may become infected with SARS-CoV-2 and subsequently contract COVID-19.</p>	<p>Members reminded to follow government guidance regarding minimum social distancing of 2m from third parties not part of their household. Members exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must not visit the club or use club equipment and should remain at home in line with government guidance.</p> <p>Access to boat stores limited to one household group at any time.</p> <p>Scheduled sessions to use organised booking system to control arrival times.</p>

		<p>Queueing system implemented outside club gates with minimum of 2m distancing between household groups.</p> <p>Paddling groups restricted to household groups <b>or</b> up to six persons from non-household groups maintaining a minimum separation of 2m at all time</p>
<p>Spread of SARS-CoV-2 whilst conducting rescues of infected third parties during regular activities and training courses</p>	<p>Members or coaches conducting rescues of infected third parties may become infected with SARS-CoV-2 and subsequently contract COVID-19.</p>	<p>Members allowed to paddle in small groups have minimum competence level including the ability to effect a self rescue.</p> <p>Beginners' courses structured such that self rescue is taught first. No beginners will be allowed to leave the club premises in a boat unless they have demonstrated an ability to conduct a self rescue without assistance.</p> <p>Should assistance be required to empty a boat, this should be done by a coach or experienced paddler whilst maintaining 2 m distance from the capsized party.</p> <p>Should it not be possible for the capsized party to re-enter the boat without assistance, alternatives should be sought, including climbing out of the river to seek alternative locations or even to return to the club on foot.</p> <p>Should a coach or experienced paddler judge that there is a safety reason</p>

		to assist with a rescue then they should consider wearing a face covering to do so. It is recommended that both the rescuer and rescuee consider receiving a COVID-19 test should extended close proximity be required to safely effect a rescue.