

Risk Assessment: Serpentine RC “Handicap” run

Date:	Assessed by:	Location :	Review :
First Saturday of every month throughout year	Malcolm French	Hyde Park, London	4/10/2023

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Risk Rating	What else can you do to control this risk?	Resultant Risk Rating	Action by whom	Target date	Complete
Weather - rain	Athletes and Event Volunteers may be injured from slipping wet ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath surface maintained to a good standard by The Royal Parks 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk course on race day to check that surface is fit for competition 	L	Race Organiser	Race day	
Weather – ice and/or snow	Athletes and Event Volunteers may be injured from slipping or falling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check course on race day to establish conditions 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel race if course is unfit for competition 	L	Race Organiser	Race day	
Weather – heat	Athletes and Event Volunteers at risk of heatstroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshment kiosk at Boat House is close to start / finish. Refreshments can also be purchased from the nearby Serpentine Bar and Kitchen 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise athletes and Event Volunteers to dress and hydrate appropriately in pre-event communications Early morning (9.00am) start time when conditions should be cooler 	L	Race Organiser	Race day	
Lighting conditions	Athletes may be injured from being unable to see path/athletes clearly. Note there is no lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event organised during daylight hours 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider delaying start in case of poor weather conditions 	L	Race Organiser	Race day	



	along some of the paths used for the race							
Other Athletes and Officials	Athletes and Event Volunteers may be injured from collision with racing Athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure athletes are aware of race etiquette 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reiterate competition etiquette ahead of event start Officials to stand back from finish as nature of race means that bunching will occur here. 	L	Officials	Race day	
Footpath	Athletes and Event Volunteers may be injured from slipping/tripping on uneven footpath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath surface maintained to a good standard by The Royal Parks 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check course on morning of event to ensure path surface is in satisfactory condition and remove any loose debris visible 	L	Race Organiser Event Volunteers	Race day	
Start	Athletes may be injured from tripping/collision due to congestion at the start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement along Serpentine Road is wide and straight Nature of race means that runners start in small groups reducing risk of bunching 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure athletes line up in an orderly fashion so as not to impede other competitors progress Ensure start footpath (Serpentine Road) is clear ahead of the race 	L	Officials Athletes	Race day	
Athletes going off course	Athletes failing to follow the correct route and getting lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshals situated at significant turning points 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional action needed 	L	Event Volunteers	Race day	
Finish	Athletes may be injured by falling at the finish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Straight run-in to finish 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshals to be in finish area to guide runners 	L	Event Volunteers	Race day	
Members of the public	Athletes and other park users may be injured following a collision with member of the public on the footpath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event marshals at significant junctions 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Race has staggered start meaning that it is only in the final 200m that runners start of bunch as they approach finish 	L	Event Volunteers Athletes	Race day	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course marshals supplemented by Caution Runners signs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early morning start time when park is quiet 				
Vehicular Traffic	Collision between athletes and a vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paths are closed to general traffic. Only used by park staff and contractors. 15mph speed limit 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course marshals supplemented by Caution Runners signs, including in vicinity of Lido Cafe 	L	Event Volunteers	Race day	
Cyclists	Collision between athletes and a cyclist or e-scooter rider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the paths are for pedestrians only. However, unauthorised cycling occurs E-scooters are banned from the park but there is nothing to prevent their use 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course marshals supplemented by Caution Runners signs Flat grass areas that adjoin course allow athletes to safely run off the course to avoid cyclists or e-scooter riders 	L	Event Volunteers	Race day	
Medical	<p>Athletes tripping on footpath</p> <p>A more serious medical incident occurring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All parts of course are accessible to an ambulance 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case of a serious medical emergency, 999 should be called Defibrillator in the boating section of the Boat House (by the start / finish) A&E units at St Mary's Hospital and Chelsea & Westminster Hospital. Both are less than 3 miles from Hyde Park 	L	<p>Race Director</p> <p>Event Volunteers</p>	Race day	