



BOWDON VALE CRICKET CLUB



General Risk Assessment

This risk assessment identifies the inherent and typical risks to be mitigated and managed by Bowdon Vale Cricket Club.

Location	Priory Street, Bowdon, WA14 3BH		
Activity to be assessed	Events taking place at Bowdon Vale Cricket Club, away grounds and at outsourced practice facilities.		
Who may be affected	Junior and senior club members, visiting players, spectators, volunteers, contractors, visitors		
Nearest hospital	Altrincham Minor Injuries Wythenshawe A & E Trafford General A & E	Nearest defib	BVCC kitchen CO-OP shop

Date of assessment:	11/01/2025		
Name of person completing:	L. Robinson M. Dean	Date of next review:	11/01/2026

No.	Activity Specific Hazard	Control Measures	Risk Factor after control (1 low to 5 high)			Adequate (Y/N)
			Severity (S)	Likelihood (L)	Risk (S x L)	
A1	Tracking player attendance – care of duty for juniors in regard to going home alone, stranger danger. Junior & senior players taking ill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Registration sheet to be completed for each session.Register used to monitor junior attendance during sessions.Emergency contact information held by admin if required.	4	1	4	Y
A2	Security of personal belongings – risk of being stolen or misplaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participants advised to leave valuables in their car or with scorer or supporter.	3	1	3	Y



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A3	Match related injury – all players at risk of injury if appropriate equipment is damaged or not available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cricket helmets to be checked regularly and not used if they show signs of damage.Appropriate protective equipment to be worn by anyone going into bat, or fielding close to the wicketWicket keeper to wear wicket keeping pads, wicket keeping gloves and helmet if appropriate for age / ability etc.All fielders to remove caps before bowling.First aid kit to be available within clubhouse & with captain or in junior kit bag. First aid kits to be checked & re-stocked regularly.	4	2	8	Y
A4	Child or vulnerable person using bathroom facilities – privacy required so that junior & adult players do not mix & open to abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All coaches /volunteers have DBS check through ECB.All young people know Child Welfare Officers names. (Names and contact details are also available on notice board & website).Open age cricket - changing room used by senior players only. Junior playing in senior fixtures to use accessible or lady's bathroom or come dressed to play. No adults allowed in changing rooms during junior fixtures.Mixed gender cricket – ladies to use lady's bathroom or come dress to play. (photographic evidence – see A7)	3	1	3	Y
A5	Spectator and visitors – risk of being hit by balls whilst sat on boundary. Risk of illness due to weather conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expectation that spectators and visitors are vigilant and responsible for self & juniors present.Club to promote safety awareness & display warning posters regarding flying balls.Captains to encourage players to promote safety awareness with families.Club provides sunshade during extreme hot weather.	3	2	6	Y
A6	Stranger danger – risks include psychological, exploitation, online, & social Juniors at risk if unsupervised or with strangers. Use of cameras to take inappropriate photographs & share using the internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">When external agencies are providing coaching or other support, supervision of children or vulnerable people must be provided at all times.Safeguarding officer or senior coach/member to assess environments to prevent abuse e.g. access to public places, car park, storage sheds, social media etc.Use of personal phones by external agencies to be used only for regulated, not personal use. Where possible club coaches to use club iPad or camera phone.Photographs or videos to be deleted after use.Content shared only on connected platforms e.g. club, county or agreed external agency media.	3	2	6	Y



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A7	Weather conditions – risk of injury due to extreme weather conditions & unfit playing areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This must form part of a pre-match dynamic assessment.Cricket not to be played or training to continue in adverse conditions.Shade cover as A6. All age players to be advised to wear sun hat, glasses & sunscreen, appropriate to weather conditions	2	2	4	Y
A8	Equipment damage – risk of injury from use of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Check that any equipment used is fit and sound for activity and suitable for the age group / ability of the group. All damaged or faulty equipment to be disposed of safely.	2	1	2	Y
A9	Dehydration or exhaustion due to weather, lack of fluid intake or medical condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drink breaks to be determined by captains, umpires or coaches before play or training commences with club providing water or juice.Players encouraged to keep hydrated & place drinks on the edge of the field or practice facility. Use of reusable water bottles is encouraged.Parents responsible for providing drinks during practice/match sessions. Club to provide water or juice during junior home matches.	3	1	3	Y



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No.	Net sessions hazard	Control Measures	Risk Factor after control (1 low to 5 high)			Adequate (Y/N)
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N1	Junior net sessions - Injury during net practice caused by lack of appropriate supervision or through use of faulty or unsuitable equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All net sessions to be under the supervision and control of the appropriate number of qualified and club coaches, in line with ECB guidance on supervision and coaching ratiosCondition of netting and cricket batting surface to be checked for damage and suitability prior to net session commencingType of ball used (hard or soft) to be dependent on ability of batters, in the judgement of coaches' presentAll batters to be wearing the appropriate protective equipment for the age group, in line with ECB guidance. All equipment to be checked for damage before useClub to provide junior kit bag, which will contain fully stocked first aid kit. At least one first aid trained adult to be in attendance at every net sessionBowlers waiting to bowl to be facing the net and watching the ball at all timesBatters changing or waiting to bat to be outside the netting or facing the net at all timesAll bags and equipment not being used to be kept outside of the net area	3	1	3	Y
N2	Open age nets - Injury during net practice caused by lack of appropriate supervision or through use of faulty or unsuitable equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Condition of netting and cricket batting surface to be checked for damage and suitability prior to net session commencingAll batters to be wearing the appropriate protective equipment for the type of bowlingAny juniors present to be wearing the appropriate protective equipment for the age group, in line with ECB guidance. All equipment to be checked for damage before use.Bowlers waiting to bowl to be facing the net and watching the ball at all timesBatters changing or waiting to bat to be outside the netting or facing the net at all timesAll bags and equipment not being used to be kept outside of the net areaUse of bowling machines by qualified coaches or authorised adults only	3	1	3	Y



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No.	Pavilion Hazard	Control Measures	Risk Factor after control (1 low to 5 high)			Adequate (Y/N)
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P1	Safe access and exit – injury if area is lighting is inadequate or uneven surfaces not made visible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Veranda steps require highlighting with tape or white paintLighting maintained & in working order	4	1	4	Y
P2	Fire hazards – risk of injury, death or building collapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fire Risk Assessment completed and reviewed annuallyFire extinguishers inspected annually.No smoking signs in prominent positionFluorescent fire exit signs illuminating way to fire exit. Fire doors checked periodically.Emergency evacuation procedures are posted in club.Bins to be stored away from building	5	1	5	Y
P3	Food hygiene, preparation & dietary requirements Risk of allergies & medical issues relating to food – cross contamination	<p>Teas prepared on premises or in clean domestic kitchens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">All stored/prepared food that requires temperature- controlled storage is stored in fridges or cooler unit. Food covered outside of tea serving. Unused food disposed of.Completion of Hygiene Certificate by catering officer required by end of March 2025. <p>Information & cleaning processes to be disseminate to tea ladies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kitchen area is kept clean and sanitised on regular basis.Chilled and frozen food storage is available.Coloured boards used for food preparation.Quarterly checks & action where necessary by professional pest control.Notices referring to dietary needs displayed near kitchen in clubhouse during food service.All packaging to kept until after everyone has eating to allow individuals to check content for details relating to personal allergen requirements. Individuals responsible for checking food items.	4	2	8	Y



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P3	Kitchen area – as above	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No children under 13 allowed in kitchen. Electrical items always placed out of reach.All spills to be cleaned up using suitable equipment & products.All pots to be washed in detergent and left to drain or washed in dishwasher.Cleaning chemicals to be stored out of reach of children. COSHH sheets to be available.Care to be taken when using oven as will be hot in use.Sharp knives to be kept in suitable container.	4	2	8	Y
P4	Toilet hygiene – risk of infection or spread of bacteria & infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toilets and showers inspected and cleaned on a regular basis. Cleaning schedule in place.Sanitary bin changed regularly in line with refuse regulations. (Double bag all bathroom waste).Toilet paper replaced as needed	1	2	2	Y
P5	Bar-related – consumption of alcohol by underage persons. Unaccountable stock & monies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bar only to be opened during licenced hours.Bar staff to reserve the right to refuse service.Only 18s and over allowed to purchase alcohol. Only 18s and over allowed into bar or cellar.Door to cellar area to be key locked at all timesNo children permitted in bar area.Safe to be locked at all times. Products to be stored correctly on shelves or in fridges. No items to be left on the floor.	3	2	6	Y
P6	Slip, trip and falls – accidental injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No cables to be left trailing.Care to be taken when cleaning.No climbing allowed on furniture.Flooring checked regularly for damage	2	1	2	Y
P7	Electrical checks - risk of electrocution or fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statutory inspection of electrical installation carried outAnnual PAT testing carried out	5	1	5	Y
P8	Security – risk of breaking & entering Risk of damage to car park by heavy loaded vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pavilion to be kept locked and alarmed at all times when not in use.Car park to be secured via chain and padlock	4	1	4	Y
P10	Gas checks – risk of death from gas or fire due to faulty boiler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual inspection of the gas installation by a qualified gas engineer	5	1	5	Y



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S1	Chemicals and tools storage – risk of poison consumption or injury using tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sheds to be kept locked at all times when not in useChemicals to be stored in suitable containers with appropriate signage and labels. COSHH sheets to be available.Tools to be stored safely	3	1	3	Y
S2	Use of grounds machinery – risk of injury or equipment stolen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sheds to be locked at all times when not in use.Only competent and authorised personnel to be permitted to use machineryAll machinery to be inspected prior to useAppropriate PPE to be worn according to the machinery being usedAll machinery to be maintained in a serviceable conditionAll refuelling to take place away from buildingsAccess to machine & tool shed restricted & alarmed.	4	2	8	Y



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No.	Ground Hazard	Control Measures	Risk Factor after control (1 low to 5 high)			Adequate (Y/N)
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G1	Trees and branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trees periodically inspected annually for damage, and after spells of high winds.Damaged or diseased trees/branches to be removed.Professional tree survey took place Sept 2024 & recommended actions to be completed ahead of the 2025 season.Active areas of ground checked for roots & trip hazards.	4	1	4	Y
G2	Fencing collapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ad-hoc checks of fencing panels. Damaged panels replaced as & when necessary.	2	1	2	Y
G3	Falling equipment during extreme winds e.g. sight screens, tables, chairs etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sight screens dismantled during winter months & moved into sheltered place.Moved to sheltered place during playing season if weather determines it necessary	4	1	4	Y

No.	Car Park Hazard	Control Measures	Risk Factor after control (1 low to 5 high)			Adequate (Y/N)
			Severity (S)	Likelihood (L)	Risk (S x L)	
C1	Vehicle movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cars parked at owners' risk. Limited parking ensures slow moving vehicles during match days.Car Park used as turning point on non-match days & chain locked to prevent fast moving vehicles accessing site.Parents responsible for children entering & leaving the site.	4	2	8	Y
C2	Emergency vehicle access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the case of any emergency the double gates can be opened & vehicles moved onto the ground.	3	2	6	Y



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C3	Uneven surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External lighting adequate to illuminate car park. Improved external lighting Sept 2021-checked annually. Paving replaced Oct 21.Condition of car park surface monitored and potholes filled as required.	2	2	4	Y
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No.	Other Hazard	Control Measures	Risk Factor after control (1 low to 5 high)			Adequate (Y/N)
			Severity (S)	Likelihood (L)	Risk (S x L)	
O1	Contagious pandemics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional risks recorded in separate pandemic risk assessment.Covid risk assessment reviewed & maintained according to government & ECB guidelines/protocols (as & required if pandemic occurs)	4	2	8	Y
O2	Members with known or unknown medical conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Membership forms to be completed & submitted pre-season.Parental control for treatment of conditions & administration of medication.Senior players to be transparent about recurring injuries or new or existing medical conditions where sports may hinder recovery.	4	2	8	Y



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Ranking of Overall Risk (Risk Level)

- 1 – 4 - Low Risk
- 6 – 15 - Medium Risk
- 16 – 25 - High Risk

- Low Risk - risk is within tolerance
- Medium Risk - acceptable with adequate control measures in place.
- High Risk - action must be prioritised and timetabled to reduce risk to an acceptable

SEVERITY	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
	LIKELIHOOD					

SEVERITY	
5	Very severe
4	Severe
3	Moderate
2	Slight
1	Negligible

LIKELIHOOD	
5	Very likely
4	Likely
3	Possible
2	Unlikely
1	Very unlikely