**Area – Grass Sledges**

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**Section\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date risk Assessment undertaken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed and Completed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Next review date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The Leader in charge to review the risk assessment, amend and list any specific hazards that are not covered by the Activity Risk Assessment to meet the needs of their section. As part of this review the Area / Activity Factsheet should be used as a guide and followed

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| **What hazard have you identified?** | | **What are the risks from it?** | **Who is at risk?** | | **How are the risks already controlled?**  **What extra controls are needed?** | | **What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?** | |
| Lifting and carrying sledges | Injury/Equipment Damage | | | Participants | | Participants work in pairs. Lift with knees bent, straight back. Use correct lifting technique | |  |
| Falling from Grass sledge | Fall/Injury | | | Participants | | Helmets provided must be worn | |  |
| Riding sledges, trapped fingers in runners. | Injury | | | Participants | | Care advised and told to keep hands inside sledge when riding. Advised to sit upright in sledge. Adult supervision. | |  |
| Collisions of sledges or with other participants | Fall/Injury | | | Participants | | Await clearance of slope run before next sledges are released.  Recommend 1 at a time down the slope.  Walk back up the side off slope. | |  |
| Slope bumpy, wet, slippery | Fall/Injury | | | Participants | | Participants aware of slopes, bumps. Sledge sessions cancelled if grass is too wet. | |  |
| Sledge equipment failure | Injury | | | Participants | | Broken sledges recorded, reported to the Glenny team. Taken out of service and unused until repaired. Sledges should be checked before each use. Monthly Glenny team inspection undertaken | |  |
| Poor Group Discipline | Injury/Equipment Damage | | | Participants | | The group’s leader is reminded that they are responsible for group discipline and safety.  Active supervision must be undertaken. | |  |
| Jewellery / Objects in pockets | Entrapment and loss | | | Participants | | Participants checked to ensure they have removed Jewellery and objects from pockets. | |  |
| Long Hair, Loose clothing, untied footwear | Getting tangled in Grass Sledges | | | Participants | | Ensure all clothing is tick in / not loose. Hair is tied back and footwear is correctly done up. | |  |
| Weather - Session undertaken in adverse weather conditions – very heavy rain | Injury/Fall/ Equipment Damage | | | Participants | | Sessions cancelled in adverse weather conditions (this is weather that is considered to cause harm to the group, either directly or indirectly-as a result of the weather causing safety equipment to fail. | |  |
| Weather – hot / cold days | Risk of sunburn, heat exhaustion  and dehydration; or hypothermia during activity | | | Participants | | Ensure regular water breaks are taken.  If it is hot, ensure participants wear sun cream and hats and there is a shaded area available.  If it is cold, ensure participants are wearing suitable clothing to keep warm. | |  |