



Sunshine Coast Surf Schools

Risk Assessment

Surfing and Body Boarding



Activity Title : Learn to Surf and Bodyboarding

Location: Twin Waters | Sunshine Coast | Bribie Island

Duration: 1-2.5 hour sessions

Location Assessed By: Leighton Higgo

Date: July 5 2024 –June 30 2025

Brief Outline of Activity:

**In accordance with General Service Agreement, Sunshine Coast Surf School to deliver Learn to Surf and Bodyboarding sessions to groups of students as provided by APEX Camps/School and Community programs.
SCSS to provide equipment and staff.**



		Risk Matrix				
		CONSEQUENCE				
	VLOOKUP	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Critical
HLOOKUP		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	1	M(05)	H(10)	H(15)	E(20)	E(25)
Likely	2	M(04)	M(08)	H(12)	H(16)	E(20)
Possible	3	L(03)	M(06)	H(09)	H(12)	H(15)
Unlikely	4	L(02)	L(04)	M(06)	M(08)	H(10)
Rare	5	L(01)	L(02)	M(03)	M(04)	H(05)



Risk Levels		
E	Extreme	
H	High	
M	Medium	
L	Low	
Risk Decision Point		
	Qualified Acceptance with Adequate Controls	
Risk Rank		
Low	Yes	
Medium	Yes	
High	No	
Extreme	No	



Risk Management Plan

Risk Description	CONTROL	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Level
Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students to be competent and screened for water safety • Constant supervision from coaches • Students to be attached using leg rope • Maintain coach to student ratio 1:8 • Coaches to define activity area • Students identifiable in coloured rash vest • Students instructed on water safety and assistance procedures • Coaches current in water rescue and CPR 	Rare	Catastrophic	Moderate
Slipping/Tripping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain activity in designated area • Area clear of obstruction 	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Fatigue/Cramp/Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students briefed on warm-up for activity • Coaches to monitor fatigue level of students • Water break included in session • Shade time (if possible) 	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Impact of Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students instructed on board management • Designated activity area • Coaches monitor crowd control • Coaches to instruct on evasive measure/self protection • Soft Surfboards/Bodyboards used • Safety Signals • Demonstration 	Possible	Minor	Medium
Impact in shallow water/sand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students instructed on board management • Designated activity area • Coaches monitor crowd control • Coaches to instruct on evasive measure/safe landing • Soft Surfboards/Bodyboards used • Safety Signals 	Possible	Minor	Medium



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration 			
Rip/Current/Sweep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches to identify water movement prior to lesson • Coaches to instruct students on action plan • Students identified by high visibility rash shirts • Activity conducted close to designated lifeguard area 	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium
Powered Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity conducted away from boats/jetskis 	Rare	Moderate	Low
Exposure to elements (causing dehydration, heat stroke, hypothermia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather conditions to be monitored for adverse conditions • Students briefed on protective clothing (hats/sunscreen) • Students encourages to bring water bottles • Students monitored for signs of fatigue • Encourage Sun Safe practices 	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium
Dangerous Weather conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches to monitor any changes in weather and tidal conditions • Activity delayed/cancelled if risks increase • Activity modified if required 	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium
Injury or allergic reaction caused by organism (marine life)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students briefed on potential hazards from marine creatures • Maintain First Aid kit on site • Coaches current in First Aid procedures • Communication equipment on site (mobile phones) • Activity modified if required 	Rare	Moderate	Low
Contact with hazards (natural or man made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students briefed on possible hazards • Injuries treated to reduce infection • Activity conducted in hazard free area • Students to remain in identified boundaries 	Possible	Minor	Moderate



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