

Risk Assessment for Minute to Win it



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Risk level	Action required/approval
Low Little chance of injury or incident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manage through regular planning processes

Description

“Minute to Win it” comprises of all or a combination of skill activities – Frisbee challenge ,egg and spoon , paper-plane throw, thong and shoe throw, balloon off the ground ,stack the metal nuts, paddle pop dice stack, roll the dice, archery suction arrow shoot, ping pong bowling , slinky head balance , junk in the trunk, red faces and skip rope

Minimum Supervision

“Minute to Win it” is recommended for participants of all ages.

It is strongly recommended that at least 2 x group teachers/supervisors are present to assist with student behaviours

- Apex ratio 1:50
- Maximum number of participants: 250
- Age Limitation: 5+ years of age

Qualifications

All Apex staff and contractors hold at a minimum ,one of the following qualifications /skills sets or other recognised skill sets/qualifications from another jurisdiction, along with mandatory First Aid/ CPR and QLD Blue Card, working with children check.

Through the use of well maintained equipment, training and accredited staff and sound operating procedures and policies Apex Camps control the “real risks” associated with this activity

In assessing the level of risk, considerations such as the likelihood of an incident happening in combination with the seriousness of a consequence are used to gauge the overall risk level for an activity. The matrix below has been used as a guide to assist with developing the risk assessment:

Likelihood	Consequence				
	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Critical
5 Almost Certain	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme
4 Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Extreme
3 Possible	Low	Medium	High	High	High
2 Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
1 Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

Risk Level	
Low	Little chance of incident or serious injury.
Medium	Some chance of an incident and injury requiring first aid.
High	Likely chance of a serious incident and injury requiring medical treatment.
Extreme	High chance of a serious incident resulting in highly debilitating injury.

Minimum Equipment/Facilities

First aid kit suitable for activity

Communication system

Electronic and other equipment that can be damaged by water is to be carried in water resistant containers.

Leaders are responsible for determining the equipment to be carried by all participants. The following communication equipment should be appropriate for the activity and area of operations.

- Phone-line at location
- Mobile phone
- UHF Radio

Appropriate clothing and footwear (no singlets, skirts, short shorts, thongs, crocs etc)

Leader will inspect the area and ensure its soundness before commencing the activity

Emergency management plan

Drinking water (students should not share drinking containers)

Vehicular access to within a reasonable distance of the activity in case of emergency

Insect repellent

Hazards/Risks	Control Measures
Biological material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bodily fluids (e.g. blood, sweat, saliva) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with HLS-PR-004: Infection Control and Management of Prescribed Contagious Conditions and Infection Control Guidelines. Students with open cuts and abrasions are to be removed from the activity and treated immediately. If bleeding cannot be controlled completely, the participant should not be allowed to return the activity. All clothing, equipment and surfaces contaminated by blood should be treated as potentially infectious. • Have sufficient and suitable containment material (bandages, etc) available • Ensure that personal items are not shared.
Animal bites/ diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insects • Dangerous/ poisonous organisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief students on basic snake bite treatment • Supply and provision of insect repellent • Use of long-sleeved clothing where appropriate
Environmental conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather • Surfaces • Surrounds • Temperatures • Isolation • Plants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure students bring appropriate clothing • Assess weather conditions before and during activity (e.g. temperature, storms) • Check and assess surrounds for loose items, debris and hazards and suitability of participants. • Consider hazards associated with types of fencing material, gates and other infrastructure. • Where possible all activities to be completed inside halls and common rooms.
Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment failure • Burns from ropes and wires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct regular equipment checks prior to start of sessions. • Check for worn or faulty equipment • Supply all equipment in a clean and serviceable condition • Check equipment before use • Provide specific (written and verbal) training in and awareness of safety requirements.
Physical exertion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strains and sprains • Cramps • Exhaustion and fatigue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the suitability and competency of students participating in the activity • Constantly monitor students for fatigue and exhaustion • Explain to participants that there is no running during the activity's and to be mindful of the other participants around them
Ratios & Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apex ratio 1:50 • Maximum number of participants: 250 • Age Limitation: 5+ years of age

Hazards/Risks	Control Measures
Participant not using equipment in safe manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The quoits can be placed indoors or outdoors. Participants are briefed on where to stand and to not go in front of the quoits while they are being thrown.• Tape measures are not to be moved once they have been locked into the correct measurement.
Participants injuring each other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity stations to be identified with marker cones to minimise participants from entering the other team's areas whilst activity is under way.• Participants to be made aware of the areas they are to be using when attempting the minute to win it challenge• Participants to rotate activities together in an organised manner.

Hazards/Risks	Control Measures
<p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special needs • High risk behaviours • Medical conditions • Student numbers • Child protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain parental permission including relevant medical information • When students with medical conditions are involved, ensure that relevant medical/ emergency plans and medications are readily available (insulin, Ventolin, EpiPen, etc.) • Refer to individual education plan/Educational adjustment plan/Behaviour management plan and other student documents. • Where necessary, obtain advice from relevant advisory visiting teachers or specialist teachers • Ensure there is adequate adult supervision • Participants travel together in teams of 4-6 • Participants briefed on activity boundaries, correct radio protocols and contingency procedures in the event of external interference during activity • Activity utilises frequencies with minimal radio traffic • Roaming supervising Staff supplied with radios monitor movements of groups on site • Jewellery can be a serious hazard when undertaking many activities. All forms of jewellery should be considered in terms of the risk it presents for each activity. Procedures are in place to dissuade or protect (e.g. tape) the wearing of jewellery accordingly.

Emergency Procedures	Teacher/group leader responsibilities	Participant Briefing Instructor should cover:	Participant Requirements
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effect Rescue as required. 2. Conduct First Aid as required. 3. Contact Emergency Services via mobile phone, radio. 4. Depending on injury: Stabilise patient and await ambulance or remove patient to appropriate site to recover. 5. In the event of serious injury, suspend activity until incident can be investigated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform & liaise with Activity Staff regarding any potential issues with group (behavioural, disabilities, injuries) • Listen to activity briefings and assist Staff in procedural aspects of session as required, such as helping students to belay under supervision of Activity Staff • Monitor & take charge of behavioural issues if needed and attend to any pre-existing medical conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge by Choice Philosophy • Session Objectives • OH&S Brief • Safety Brief • Equipment Familiarisation • Skills Demo & Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sunscreen, insect repellent • medication (if relevant) • water bottle • fully enclosed shoes, hat • minimum of sleeved shirt that covers midriff when arms are raised • shorts/leggings that preferably cover knees (to prevent grazes) • hair tied back, jewellery removed