Equipment Risk Assessment

Club Name: Rossendale Bucks

Assessment Date: 10-10-2024

Assessor Name: Hidden from public viewing contact the club direct

Review Date: 09-10-2025

| **Hazard** | **Who Might Be Harmed** | **Risk** | **Existing Controls** | **Further Action Required** | **Responsibility** |
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| Improperly fitted helmets | Players | High | Players instructed on proper fitting; checked by coaches | Regular checks; training for players and staff on fitting | Equipment Manager |
| Damaged helmets or shoulder pads | Players | High | All equipment inspected before each session; damaged items removed | Log maintenance and replacement cycle; report system for damage | Equipment Manager |
| Shared mouthguards or unsanitary equipment | Players | Medium | Players responsible for personal gear; reminders not to share mouthguards | Educate players on hygiene and risks; periodic equipment audits | Coaching Staff |
| Heavy lifting of blocking sleds or tackling dummies | Coaches, players | Medium | Safe lifting techniques advised; multiple people assist with heavy items | Acquire trolleys or wheeled bases; provide lifting training | Coach / Equipment Manager |
| Improper storage of gear | Players, volunteers | Medium | Shelving and labelled storage areas provided; floor kept clear | Routine inspection; enforce storage rules after sessions | Equipment Staff |
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| Tripping hazards from loose gear on sidelines | Players, staff | Medium | Gear stored behind team area during sessions | Assign sideline marshal to maintain safe zones | Game Day Manager |
| Incorrect use of training aids (e.g., shields, dummies) | Players | Medium | Coach supervision; training on safe use provided | Regular reminders during drills; reinforce safety protocols | Coaching Staff |