Venue & Facilities Risk Assessment

**Club Name**: Rossendale Bucks

**Venue Address:** Rossendale Sports Club

**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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| Uneven or damaged playing surface | Players | High | Pre-match field inspections; regular maintenance by grounds crew | Fill holes, reseed divots, mark and cordon off unsafe zones | Groundskeeper |
| Slips, trips, and falls (sidelines, walkways) | Players, coaches, referees | Medium | Clear all kit bags, cones, and debris from sidelines; use ground mats if muddy | Assign sideline marshal to maintain order | Team Manager / Coach |
| Goalposts and padding | Players | Medium | Padding on goalposts checked before every match; securely fixed | Replace worn/damaged padding; ensure regulation padding depth | Groundskeeper |
| Spectator barriers and fencing | Spectators | Medium | Barriers set up a safe distance from field; signage in place | Review placement before each game; ensure no gaps or loose parts | Match Day Officer |
| Changing rooms – wet/slippery floors | Players, coaches | Medium | Mats in place; cleaned regularly | Add warning signs; non-slip flooring if needed | Rossendale Sports Club |
| Heavy lifting of equipment (sleds, tackling dummies) | Coaches, players | Medium | Manual handling guidance given; share loads | Invest in wheeled trolleys or dollies | Equipment Manager |
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| Storage of helmets, pads, gear | Players, equipment staff | Medium | Storage areas organised to prevent falling items; racks used where possible | Label shelves; enforce tidy-up after sessions | Equipment Manager |
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| Poor visibility in evening training | Players, coaches | Medium | Portable floodlights available; ensure coverage of entire field | Replace dim bulbs, test light coverage regularly | Facilities Officer |
| Inadequate disabled access | Spectators, players with disabilities | Medium | Ramp to clubhouse; accessible toilets | Audit full venue for compliance; install handrails if needed | Committee Chair |