

# Leicester City Council – Health & Safety Risk Assessment Form

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<b>Department/Section:</b>	<b>Parks Service, Sport on Parks</b>
<b>Work Activity:</b>	<b>Baseball</b>
<b>Activity Location:</b>	<b>Western Park</b>
<b>Persons Affected:</b>	<b>Members of Public and Players</b>
<b>Manager:</b>	
<b>Date of Assessment:</b>	<b>13/01/14</b>

<b>Severity x Likelihood</b>	<b>Minor Injury</b>	<b>Major Injury</b>	<b>Serious Injury</b>
<b>Unlikely</b> 1	<b>LOW</b> 1	<b>LOW</b> 2	<b>MEDIUM</b> 3
<b>Likely</b> 2	<b>LOW</b> 2	<b>MEDIUM</b> 4	<b>HIGH</b> 6
<b>Very Likely</b> 3	<b>MEDIUM</b> 3	<b>HIGH</b> 6	<b>HIGH</b> 9

<b>No</b>	<b>What are the Hazards?</b>	<b>Who might be harmed and how?</b>	<b>What are the existing control measures?</b>	<b>Risk (S x L = R)</b>	<b>What further action is necessary to reduce the risk?</b>
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1	Member of public being hit by a Baseball.	Members of the public walking around the baseball field being hit by a ball and sustaining possible injury or bruising.	<p>There are 2 notice signs in place. One by the entrance from the football field (pitches 1-5) and another sign by the entrance from the football field (pitch 7). The notice says 'Baseball is played in this area between April and September.</p> <p>The baseball pitch is positioned in the middle part of the field.</p> <p>The baseball pitch is marked out in white pitch markings showing the playing area.</p> <p>There is a permanent backstop behind the first base to stop balls from going behind the playing area.</p> <p>During matches the outfield has a 1m high temporary boundary fence to show the edge of the playing area and player would be wearing uniforms/team kits.</p>	2x1= Low 2	

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2	A baseball player running to catch a ball and bumping into a member of public walk past.	Members of the public walking around the baseball field clashing with a baseball player running to catch a ball and sustaining possible injury or bruising.	<p>There are 2 notice signs in place. One by the entrance from the football field (pitches 1-5) and another sign by the entrance from the football field (pitch 7). The notice says 'Baseball is played in this area between April and September.</p> <p>The baseball pitch is positioned in the middle part of the field.</p> <p>The baseball pitch is marked out in white pitch markings showing the playing area.</p> <p>There is a permanent backstop behind the first base to stop balls from going behind the playing area.</p> <p>During matches the outfield has a 1m high temporary boundary fence to show the edge of the playing area and player would be wearing uniforms/team kits.</p>	2x1= Low 2	

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3	Members of the public walking across the Baseball Outfield and being hit by a ball or clashing with a baseball player running to catch a ball.	Member of the public could be hit with a baseball if the walked across the baseball outfield and sustaining possible injury or bruising.	<p>There are 2 notice signs in place. One by the entrance from the football field (pitches 1-5) and another sign by the entrance from the football field (pitch 7). The notice says 'Baseball is played in this area between April and September.</p> <p>The baseball pitch is positioned in the middle part of the field.</p> <p>The baseball pitch is marked out in white pitch markings showing the playing area.</p> <p>There is a permanent backstop behind the first base to stop balls from going behind the playing area.</p> <p>During matches the outfield has a 1m high temporary boundary fence to show the edge of the playing area and player would be wearing uniforms/team kits.</p>	2x1= Low 2	

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4	Direction of play for baseball.	Member of public getting hit by a baseball whilst in the baseball field.	<p>The pitch will be positioned, so that the ball is hit into the open field and will away from any access points.</p> <p>There are 2 notice signs in place. One by the entrance from the football field (pitches 1-5) and another sign by the entrance from the football field (pitch 7). The notice says 'Baseball is played in this area between April and September.</p> <p>The baseball pitch is marked out in white pitch markings showing the playing area.</p> <p>There is a permanent backstop behind the first base to stop balls from going behind the playing area.</p> <p>During matches the outfield has a 1m high temporary boundary fence to show the edge of the playing area.</p>	<p>2x1= Low 2</p>	



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5	Baseballs being thrown to player who is batting.	Member of public getting hit by a baseball and sustaining possible injury or bruising.	There is a permanent backstop behind the first base to stop balls from going behind the playing area. The backstop fence is used to stops the ball travelling beyond the batting area. There is adequate open space beyond the playing areas.	2x1= Low 2	

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6	Condition of backstop fence.	Member of public or baseball player sustaining possible injury if the backstop fence is unstable or is damaged.	The backstop fence is a strong mesh fencing system. Heavy duty panels are used which make them highly resistant to vandalism. A 6mm vertical wire between two 8mm horizontal design restricts climbing of the fence. Monthly inspections are carried out. The club will inspect the backstop area as part of the setting up for games	2x1= Low 2	
7	Condition of Playing area - Sand/clay mounds for the 4 bases.	Baseball players playing baseball might trip over any holes in the mounds.	After training/games, the mounds are raked to even them out and extra sand is added if there is any unevenness. The club have sand that is used to fill any holes.	1x2= Low2	

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8	Condition of Playing area - Grass areas in baseball field.	Baseball players and members of the public might trip over any holes in the ground.	Ground staff are on site to cut the grass, mark out the pitch and litter pick the baseball field. Any holes in the ground repaired and filled.	1x2= Low2	
9	Weather Conditions	Baseball players playing baseball and slipping on the wet grass and injuring themselves.	If it is raining too much, Sport on Parks will cancel matches. The Club are notified about the wet weather cancellations. If it rains heavily on match days. The club can liaise with member of staff on duty about cancelling the match. Ground staff will also advice if the game should be cancelled due to bad weather.	1x2= Low2	The pitch will not be prepared by ground staff if the weather is too bad where players are at risk of injury and also when the pitch will be damaged.

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10	Anti social behaviour of persons- horseplay that could be a hazard to themselves of others. Motorcyclist who illegally ride across the playing area.	There could be acts of violence because persons are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Motorcycles that ride across the baseball area whilst games are played could injure baseball players or members of public.	Most people carry mobile phones. Any anti-social behaviour can be reported to the police. Local Park officers will patrol areas of the park at various times of the day.  The baseball team have contact numbers of the sport on officer who is on duty. The Sport on Park Officer can be contacted in case of emergencies.	2x1= Low2	

<b>Name of Assessor:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date: 13/01/14</b>
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I accept that this is a suitable and sufficient assessment of the hazards and risks within this activity and that the remedial actions will be implemented as detailed below.

<b>Manager's Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date: 16/01/14</b>
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<b>ACTION LIST</b>					
No	What further action is necessary to reduce the risk?	Action by whom?	Date for completion	Date completed	Comments

All actions have now been completed to reduce the risks listed above. I consider that any residual risk falls within acceptable/tolerable levels:

Manager's Name:	Signature:	Date: 16/01/14
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REVIEW:	NEXT REVIEW DATE	REVIEWED BY	SIGNATURE	DATE
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