

Player Age

Assessor	David Hinton
Job Title	Director
Assessment Date	Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Review Date	Thursday, February 15, 2024
Assessment Task	Player Age
Assessment Location	Venues & Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency Often

Further Details In our experience of operating both venue based and mobile axe throwing activities, we have been able to set the minimum age of play for axe throwers at 8 years of age.

Players of this age will tend to have the physical ability to perform the activity.

Are any Disabled?

Yes

Comments

Wheelchair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description

Players under the age of 8 unable to perform activity

How are Persons Affected?

Players under the age of 8 do not have the physical strength to perform this activity.

Level of Risk (Probability)

2

Level of Risk (Severity)

1

Level of Risk (Risk)

0-8

Existing Controls

Players under the age of 18 need to have consent from a parent or guardian to play. Players between the ages of 8 & 12 will also need to be accompanied in the play area by a parent or guardian. The person at the point of sale is responsible for stating the age requirements and parent responsibilities whilst in the play area. This is further made clear with notice signs and online if venue based.

Further Controls / Action

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Customers & Alcohol

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Assessment Location	Venues & Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	Risk of abuse if refusing to allow a customer to play
Are any Disabled?	No
Comments	Staff are trained to deal with customers who appear too intoxicated to play.

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	
Comments	

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	Customers paying to throw axes who appear too intoxicated with alcohol.

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Very rare but possible.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	Player inability to perform activity due to high alcohol levels.
How are Persons Affected?	Inability to adhere to instruction, slurred speech, and physical balance. Potential risk to themselves and others during activity.
Level of Risk (Probability)	3
Level of Risk (Severity)	3
Level of Risk (Risk)	9-15
Existing Controls	<p>TimberJacks employees who are responsible for taking customer payments will be the first to identify those individuals who appear too intoxicated to play. Lane instructors are the 2nd identifiers who will be able to assess players through the play briefing and instruction.</p> <p>In addition, we have 'A board' notices in the sales area advising customers in a pleasant way that we reserve the right to refuse play due to high levels of alcohol intoxication.</p> <p>(It should be noted that we do allow players who have had a drink given the nature of the events we attend. But it is our policy to simply identify those that are either mentally and/or physically impaired through alcohol consumption)</p>
Further Controls / Action	On-going training and review.

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Cross Lane Safety (Stands & Nets)

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Assessment Date	Monday, February 13, 2023
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Assessment Task	Cross Lane Safety (Stands & Nets)
Assessment Location	Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	During player instruction and warm up.
Are any Disabled?	No

Comments

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	

Comments

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Ongoing during activity provision.
Further Details	During an event target stands and nets can be used for up to 8 hours.

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Wheelchair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	Axes being thrown and bouncing into the adjacent players lane.
How are Persons Affected?	Being struck with an axe.
Level of Risk (Probability)	2
Level of Risk (Severity)	2
Level of Risk (Risk)	9-15
Existing Controls	<p>We use two styles of netting. The first is a double target netting where there is no partition between target lanes. This arrangement is the same as on our mobile trailers. During the activity, players are instructed not to retrieve their axe until the adjacent player has completed their throw. Players are then allowed to retrieve their axes together.</p> <p>The 2nd style of net is a single net with side walls. These nets are employed in our trailer and axe stand combination. Here the nets are secured from the sides of the trailer and single nets are placed side by side in a 3-lane arrangement. Despite the netting having side walls on each lane, we employ the same restrictions as the double lane net whereby players cannot retrieve their axes until all players on their lanes have thrown.</p> <p>All lane nets are secured in place via steel poles and are securely tensioned via guide ropes.</p>
Further Controls / Action	None required other than instructor training and reviews ongoing.

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Axe Handle Splintering

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Assessment Location	Venues & Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency Often

Further Details

Are any Disabled? No

Comments

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency Ongoing during activity provision.

Further Details

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Wheelchair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	Splinter from Axe Handles
How are Persons Affected?	Splinters in fingers from axe handles.
Level of Risk (Probability)	1
Level of Risk (Severity)	1
Level of Risk (Risk)	0-8
Existing Controls	All axes are checked at the start and periodically throughout a day's session play. Any slight splintering is sanded smooth and re-wrapped with black safety tape. Axes with splits or gouges are removed from the play area until rectified. First aid kits are carried for assistance if required.
Further Controls / Action	None required.

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Dropping of Axe

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Assessment Location	Venues & Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	No

Comments

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	

Comments

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Wheel chair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	Dropping of axe of feet/toes.
How are Persons Affected?	Slight bruising if not in correct footwear.
Level of Risk (Probability)	1
Level of Risk (Severity)	1
Level of Risk (Risk)	0-8
Existing Controls	It forms part of our frequently asked questions featured across our websites in that we advise players to wear the correct footwear with no open toes. All players are checked prior to playing.
Further Controls / Action	None required.

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Axe Blade Safety

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Assessment Task	Axe Blade Safety
Assessment Location	All venues & mobile locations.

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Often
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	No

Comments

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	

Comments

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Often
Further Details	Players are often intrigued to feel the sharpness of an axe blade.

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Wheel chair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	Axe blade safety
How are Persons Affected?	Cutting of skin when running finger across an axe blade.
Level of Risk (Probability)	1
Level of Risk (Severity)	1
Level of Risk (Risk)	0-8
Existing Controls	All of our axes are chosen for their blunt blades. Any player choosing to touch the blade will not cut their fingers. All blades are checked throughout session play to check for minor defects which could pose a cutting hazard. If an axe is identified it is removed from play.
Further Controls / Action	When axe heads are re-conditioned at our factory the tool operators ensure that blades are not over-sharpened.

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Rear Spectator Safety

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Assessment Task	Rear Spectator Safety
Assessment Location	Venues & Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Often
Further Details	Staff are trained to avoid close contact during a players throw.
Are any Disabled?	No

Comments

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	

Comments

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Often
Further Details	When there are groups of up to 4 players on a throwing lane.

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Wheelchair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	Player striking another located behind.
How are Persons Affected?	Being struck by an axe.
Level of Risk (Probability)	1
Level of Risk (Severity)	1
Level of Risk (Risk)	0-8
Existing Controls	<p>There is a 1-2m safety line painted onto the floor behind the throwing lanes (Venues). All players are given a safety briefing prior to play and are advised to stay behind it if they are not throwing.</p> <p>On mobile trailers, no other players other than those throwing are allowed onto the trailer lanes negating any risk. In a target stand and safety net arrangement, an instructor is in attendance at all times to ensure a safe distance of 2m between throwers and rear spectators.</p>
Further Controls / Action	Constant review and monitoring between management and instructing staff.

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Cross Lane Safety (Trailer)

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Assessment Task	Cross Lane Safety (Trailer)
Assessment Location	Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	During player instruction and warm up.
Are any Disabled?	No

Comments

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	

Comments

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Ongoing during activity provision.
Further Details	During an event a trailer can be in use for up to 8 hours.

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Occasional wheelchair user.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	Axes being thrown and bouncing into the adjacent players lane.
How are Persons Affected?	Being struck with an axe.
Level of Risk (Probability)	1
Level of Risk (Severity)	3
Level of Risk (Risk)	0-8
Existing Controls	Little to no risk. The safety instructor is in close proximity to ensure that no player leaves the throwing line until the adjacent player is ready to retrieve their axe. Then both players retrieve together.
Further Controls / Action	No other actions are required apart from instructor training reviews periodically.

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Axe Breakages

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Assessment Task	Axe Breakages
Assessment Location	Venues & Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	Axes can break during player instruction.
Are any Disabled?	No
Comments	N/a

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	
Further Details	
Are any Disabled?	
Comments	

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	Axes can break during gameplay.

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Wheelchair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency

Further Details

Are any Disabled?

Comments

Hazard

Hazard Description	During a session axes can break or fracture.
How are Persons Affected?	Possible splinter injury from wooden handles.
Level of Risk (Probability)	2
Level of Risk (Severity)	2
Level of Risk (Risk)	0-8
Existing Controls	During a safety briefing, players are advised that axes can break. It is rare that axes break into two but heads can move and cracks can appear in the shaft. Players are to hand these to instructors. Additionally, staff are to continually check axe integrity. First aid kits are carried in both venues and with our mobile kits.
Further Controls / Action	Axes are checked throughout the day between sessions. Breakages are removed from use.

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Axe Bounce Back

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Assessment Location	Venues & Mobile Events

Persons at Risk

Staff

Frequency	Occasionally
Further Details	During safety briefing and demonstration.
Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	None

Persons at Risk

Contractors

Frequency	N/a
Further Details	N/a
Are any Disabled?	No
Comments	N/a

Persons at Risk

Visitors

Frequency	Often
Further Details	Throughout the course of an axe throwing session which can last between 10 minutes and 75 minutes.

Are any Disabled?	Yes
Comments	Occasional wheel chair users.

Persons at Risk

General Public / Others

Frequency	N/a
Further Details	N/a
Are any Disabled?	No
Comments	N/a

Hazard

Hazard Description	During a throwing procedure persons can strike the header boards and knots in the boards.
How are Persons Affected?	Being struck by an axe which has bounced back from the target board.
Level of Risk (Probability)	3
Level of Risk (Severity)	1
Level of Risk (Risk)	9-15
Existing Controls	Players are made aware during safety briefing of the potential of axes bouncing away from the boards. Players are instructed not to proceed to retrieve an until it has safely landed to a stop.
Further Controls / Action	Throwing distances are set to 12-15ft and is a safe distance. Anyone throwing with too much velocity are immediately advised to reduce velocity or cease play completely.

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