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Standard Operating Procedure

Bubble Balls

Location

70 Finlayson Road – refer to CYC Waihola Camp Map for further details

Activity Leader Requirements

Must have current CYC Waihola Bubble Balls Activity Leader training

Ratio

1 adult to 5 children

A minimum of two competent adults are required at this activity

Participant requirements

Weather appropriate clothing

No pointy or sharp objects on person - including belts on pants

Must not bump into other players with back turned and not expecting the impact

Follow all instruction given, remaining within the explained play area

Must not bump into anyone not in a bubble

Between 5 and 14 years old

Activity Leader Instructions

Complete a risk assessment as per the Continual Risk Assessment section of the CYC Waihola Activity Management Policy Confirm designated playing area is clear of hazards, including any sharp objects Give safety/instruction briefing and participant requirements

- The Activity Rules
 - o All sharp objects must be removed before entering a bubble
 - o Do not bump people not expecting it
 - o Do not bump anyone who is not in the playing area
 - o No one may enter the playing area without a correctly fitted bubble
- The playing area
- When the whistle is blown all stop and look at Activity Leader for further instructions
- Rules of any games played

Equipment

12 bubbles balls

Inflatable swiss ball

Electric pump

Earmuffs

Reasons to end activity

Wind over a 7 on the Beaufort scale

If at any point the activity can no longer run safely

Activity Maintenance

Paid staff inspection of the activity every 6 months to identify any new hazards/wear and tear and sign off on safety of activity. If staff deem there to be any insufficiencies that increase the risk to an unsafe level, the activity will no longer continue until the risk is remedied or eliminated.

Documents used to assist this process:

Flowchart of Risk Management Processes

Bubble Balls - Risk Analysis

Bubble Balls - 6 Month Check Form

Emergency and Incident preparedness

No specific emergency requirements for this activity. For general emergencies follow normal emergency policies.



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Hazard Register								
Activity: Bubble Balls		Last Review: August 2025		Location: 70 Finlayson Road – Soccer Field or Behind Main Lodge				
Risk	Hazard	Risk	Category	Controls	Risk			
What could go wrong	Why would this happen	Initial	Equipment, People, Environment	How can it be prevented? Using the hierarchy of control: eliminate or minimise	e or minimise Residual			
Hearing Loss	Loud inflation pump	High	Equipment	Ear protection will be worn whilst inflating bubbles Low				
Damage to Wind		High	Environment	Bubbles will not be left in the wind when not in use	Low			
Bubbles	Sharp objects	Moderate	Environment	Participants to remove any sharp objects from themselves prior to entering the bubble Activity Leader will check playing field for sharp object prior to the activity	Low			
Spinal or Head Secondary Impact Injury, Broken Syndrome		High	People	Person with a recent head injury (including concussion) may not participate in this activity	Low			
bones	Bumping into persons not expecting it	Moderate	People	Activity Leader will give clear instructions about bumping people (Individuals can only be bumped when they know it is coming and if they are in the playing field. Individuals may not enter the playing field without a properly fitted bubble)	Low			
	Under inflated balls	Moderate	Equipment	Activity Leader will ensure that bubbles are inflated correctly (not over inflated)				
	Inadequate supervision	Moderate	People	Children must be supervised by adults	Very Low			
	Misbehaviour	Moderate	People	Clear instructions for use of activity will be given to all groups	Very Low			

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