

READING ATHLETIC CLUB (RAC) – PALMER PARK STADIUM*

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HAZARD	PERSONNEL AT RISK	RISK LEVEL NO CONTROLS	CONTROLS APPLIED	RISK LEVEL WITH CONTROLS	ACTION TO DO
Obstacles or debris on track or stadium leading to slips, trips and falls	Athletes, coaches, members of public	Medium	The areas* are checked daily by RSL staff. Qualified coaches supervise all sessions.	Low	
Astroturf on side of pitch or trackside: Slips, trips and falls	Athletes, coaches, members of public	Medium	Qualified coaches supervise all sessions and participants briefed on presence of Astroturf and instructed to take care and avoid being on it except to gain access to field/track	Low	
Setting up athletics equipment incorrectly, e.g. hurdles, high jump	Athletes, coaches	Medium	Coaches are trained to set up equipment. Qualified coaches supervise athletes.	Low	
Faulty athletics equipment, track and field	Athletes, coaches	Medium	Equipment is checked monthly by RSL in maintenance programme. Annual inspection by UK Athletics inspector.	Low	
Misuse of athletics equipment	Athletes, coaches	High	Athletes are supervised by qualified coaches when equipment in use. Equipment is locked away in a secure store. Coaches control access.	Low	
Adverse weather conditions	Athletes, coaches, club officers, members of public	Medium	Weather conditions are taken into account by both RSL staff and RAC coaches before athletics can take place. Qualified coaches supervise all sessions.	Low	

Collisions between athletes or other personnel	Athletes, coaches, club officers, members of public	Medium	Adherence to the RAC procedure PR03, Track Rules, by athletes and coaches.	Low	
Athletics implements being thrown	Athletes, coaches, club officers, members of public	High	Qualified coaches supervise athletes. Cage to be used at throwing circle for discus and hammer. Left hand gate open for left handed throwers. Goal posts to be removed when throwing taking place near javelin area. Track rules enforced, Procedure PR03	Low	
Sexual abuse/harassment of persons	Athletes	Medium	CRB checks on all coaches. Qualified coaches' code of conduct and training.	Low	
Verbal abuse to personnel by coaches	Athletes, coaches, club officers, members of public	Medium	Qualified coaches' code of conduct and training.	Low	

NOTES

First aid is available from RSL staff and some RAC coaches.

* Palmer Park stadium and 'areas' include all parts of the track, field and stadium.

RAC References:

Procedure PR01, for the Control of Health & Safety Risks

Form F01, for Risk Assessments of Endurance Training Outside Palmer Park Stadium

Form F02, for Risk Assessments of Indoors Training

Guide G01, Introduction to Risk Assessment

Guide G02, Risks and Controls for Endurance