

## **Specific Safety Procedures – Pioneering**

### **P1 Description:**

P1.1 Temporary structures created from wooden spars and lashings.

### **P2 Learning Outcome:**

P2.1 Developing team skills, planning, communication, and cooperation.

### **P3 Instructor:**

P3.1 Must have an understanding of the process of group dynamics and reviewing.

P3.2 Must be aware of possible hazards associated with particular structures

P3.3 All structures must be checked prior to use particularly lashings and anchor points.

### **P4 Site Knowledge:**

P4.1 The site selection should be appropriate for the particular structure to be constructed safely.

P 4.2 The site should not introduce or accentuate any hazard associated with the activity i.e. striving for realism must not compromise safety.

P4.3 The sites should vary to minimise environmental impact of dynamic activities e.g. erosion.

### **P5 Participant Requirements:**

P5.1 All jewellery , rings, and watches that could cause injury must be removed.

P5.2 Clear explanation and demonstration of any spotting techniques to be employed must be given and understood.

### **P6 Equipment:**

P6.1 Helmets must be worn at all times when participants are off the ground.

P6.2 All personal safety equipment to be used must be inspected prior to activity commencing.

### **P7 Ratios:**

P7.1 10 participants to 1 instructor.

### **P8 Weather:**

P8.1 Be aware of the effect of adverse weather conditions e.g. slippery surfaces etc.

P8.2 Understand signs and symptoms of exposure to heat or cold

## **Risk Assessment – Pioneering**

### **Hazards Identify significant hazards which could cause harm:**

1. Instructor.
2. Site Selection.
3. Participants.
4. Equipment.
5. Ratio.
6. Weather.

### **How**

#### **How will people be exposed to Hazard?**

1. Insufficient knowledge or application of safety procedures.
2. Site selection unsuitable or a new hazard has been introduced.
3. Group behaviour and approach negative.
4. Poor construction and loose ropes etc. Faulty equipment, not checked properly, or not carried
5. Group size too large.
6. Weather conditions inappropriate or deteriorates during session.

### **Risk**

#### **Evaluate risks arising from each hazard (High, Medium, Low).**

1. Medium.
2. Medium.
3. Low.
4. High.
5. Medium.
6. Low.

### **Action**

#### **Prescribed risk management strategies to remove hazard or reduce risk**

1. Instructor meets leadership requirements. (L3; P3)

2. Criteria for site selection observed. (L4; P4)
3. Participant safety briefing. (L5, P5)
4. Equipment checked, (L6, P6)
5. Effective group management. ( L7, P3.2, P7)
6. Continually assess weather conditions. (L8, P8)

### **Monitor**

#### **How are risk management strategies monitored?**

1. Instructor pass out system.
2. Course Report.
3. Participant Evaluation Form.
4. Near-miss folder.
5. Incident Book.
6. Weather Forecasts.

### **Review**

**Review date for this risk assessment:**