

NATIONAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMME RISK ASSESSMENT

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Rising Stars Golf National Schools Programme is designed to introduce children to golf in a safe, enjoyable and structured environment. Sessions are delivered by suitably qualified PGA Professionals and approved coaching personnel using age-appropriate coaching equipment specifically selected for use within schools.

The programme is designed to minimise risk while encouraging participation, physical activity and skill development.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Activity	Junior Golf Coaching
Venue	School Hall, School Grounds or Approved Facility
Participants	Primary School Children
Delivered By	PGA Professional / Approved Coach
Equipment	Plastic golf clubs, soft golf balls, cones, targets and coaching equipment
Session Duration	Approximately 45-60 minutes
Programme Frequency	4, 5 or 6-week programme (or One-Day Golf Experience)
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RISK ASSESSMENT

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Swinging golf clubs	Participants, coaches	Safe hitting zones established. Children instructed to maintain safe distances. Coach supervises all activities.	Low
Struck by golf ball	Participants, coaches	Soft practice balls only. Controlled hitting direction. Appropriate spacing maintained.	Low
Slips, trips and falls	Participants, coaches	Activity area inspected before each session. Hazards removed where possible. Suitable footwear recommended.	Low
Uneven playing surface	Participants	Coaching area checked before activities begin. Unsafe areas avoided.	Low
Behaviour of participants	Participants, coaches	School behaviour policies remain in place. Coach maintains structured sessions. School staff continue supervision.	Low
Equipment misuse	Participants	Equipment demonstrated before use. Children instructed on safe handling at all times.	Low
Indoor obstacles	Participants	Furniture and unnecessary equipment removed from activity area where possible.	Low
Outdoor weather	Participants, coaches	Sessions adapted, relocated indoors or postponed where weather presents a safety concern.	Low

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Medical emergency	Participants	School emergency procedures followed. School staff retain responsibility for medical information and emergency contacts.	Low
Manual handling of equipment	Coaches	Equipment transported using safe lifting techniques. Loads kept manageable.	Low

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

AWGolf coaching personnel will:

- Inspect equipment before every session.
- Deliver activities appropriate to participants' age and ability.
- Establish clearly defined safety zones.
- Demonstrate safe use of all equipment.
- Maintain appropriate supervision throughout activities.
- Modify or stop activities if safety concerns arise.
- Follow safeguarding and child protection procedures at all times.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

The school agrees to:

- Provide a suitable indoor or outdoor activity area.
- Maintain normal pupil supervision throughout programme delivery.
- Inform coaching staff of relevant medical, behavioural or safeguarding considerations.
- Ensure emergency procedures remain available throughout programme delivery.
- Notify AWGolf of any site-specific hazards before sessions commence.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an accident or emergency:

- Activity will stop immediately.
- The school's emergency procedures shall be followed.
- The school's designated first aider will be contacted where required.
- Emergency services will be contacted where necessary.
- All incidents should be recorded in accordance with school procedures.

INSURANCE

AWGolf maintains appropriate Public Liability Insurance for the delivery of the Rising Stars Golf National Schools Programme.

REVIEW

This Risk Assessment should be read alongside each school's own Health & Safety policies and reviewed prior to programme delivery.

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