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| **Name of Section or Activity (and version number)** | Waddecar Scout Activity Centre High Ropes  V2025-01 | **Date of risk assessment** | **9th January 2025** | **Review Date** | **January 2026** | **Name and Role of who undertook this risk assessment** | Damian King  Centre Manager  SMLTB SPA  ERCA Adventure Park Instructor |

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| **Hazard Identified? /**  **Risks from it?** | **Who is at risk?** | **How are the risks already controlled?**  **What extra controls are needed?** |
| ***Hazard*** *– something that may cause harm or damage.*  ***Risk*** *– the chance of it happening.* | *Young people,*  *Leaders,*  *Visitors?* | ***Controls*** *– Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it.*  *For example - you might use a different piece of equipment, or you might change the way the activity is carried out.* |
| Falling from height | All | |  | | --- | | All sessions must be supervised by an appropriately qualified instructor as detailed in the operating procedure. | | All participants shall be appropriately briefed before the activity begins. | | Suitable safety equipment is provided: Climbing helmets, harnesses, metal ware and ropes. | | Participants must not climb without the protection of a rope. |   Spectators must remain seated in the waiting area or outside the perimeter.  Any suspected dangerous behaviour to be controlled immediately. |
| Equipment Failure | All | |  | | --- | | All equipment, incl. elements of the tower, must be checked before use by the qualified instructor. | | All safety equipment, incl. elements of the tower, are annually checked by an appropriately qualified person and replaced where required. | | Damaged safety equipment must be reported to centre staff and will be removed from use immediately upon identification. | |
| Injury resulting from slips & trips, | All | |  | | --- | |  | | All participants shall be appropriately briefed about keeping the operating area free from trip hazards before the activity begins. | | The area is checked periodically and before each use and hazards are removed | |
| Injury resulting from items falling from height | All | |  | | --- | | All participants, spectators, Leaders, and Instructors to wear helmets when in the tower area, before anyone leaves the ground. | | All participants shall be appropriately briefed before the activity begins. | | Participants shall not carry loose items when climbing. | |
| Injury caused by participant falling from crate when passing up to climber. (Crate Stack) | Crate Passers | Crate passers to pass crates using the bamboo pole when the climbers are beyond their reach. |
| Injury caused by falling crates (Crate Stack) | All | Crate passers only to pass crates, not to throw them. Crate passers briefed where to stand if crates fall.  Group warned of potential hazard; climbers encouraged to push crate stack away from the rest of the group. |
| Entrapment (Jacob’s Ladder / Gauntlet) | Participants | Participants instructed to stay on their own side of the element to prevent knotting of the rope when climbing. |
| Jewelery / body piercings | Climbers / belayers | Remove or protect with tape before taking part in activity |
| Unauthorised use of tower | All | Gate to tower area kept locked when not in use |

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| **Completed by** | Name, Damian King  Role: Waddecar Centre Manager  Date; 9th January 2025 | **Checked by verifier** | Name: Geoff Lyons  Role / qualification: West Lacs Climbing Advisor  Date: 26th January 2025 |