Risk Assessment	Tomahawk Throwing	Date of risk assessment	07/04/2026	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Michael Holroyd	Date for review	06/04/2027

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	Severity	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Minimum Age	All	High	• All participants to be of the minimum age as per Spen Valley District Trustee Board authorisation **(8 years+)**	
Inappropriate running of the activity	All	High	• All activity instructors to sign the risk assessment log sheet and document, their permit number and expiry date prior to the session starting. • All activity instructors to have completed the Fanwood site specific activity training/familiarisation prior to running this activity. • Access to the range to be limited to active participants only. • Instructor to check the equipment prior to use.	
Injury to participants and instructors through incorrect use of equipment, accidental release or 'bounce back	All	High	• Safety briefing by trained persons. • All persons involved remain in the designate area in the range. • No Unauthorised access to the equipment or in the throwing area. • No throwing to take place without supervision of an instructor. • Only purpose made throwing items to be used. • Warning people of the danger if they enter the throwing area.	
Over and side shoots, bounce back	All	High	• Participants to be given clear instruction on direction of throwing. • Physical stop behind targets to stop overthrows. • Observation/ waiting area to be at the side at the rear of activity area.	
Participants' behavior	All	High	• If in the opinion of the instructor the behavior of an individual or the group as a whole is not conducive to running a safe session, then the activity session will be stopped and the person or persons causing concern removed.	

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			• No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs should be allowed on the activity site.	
Injury to participant(s) and instructor(s)	All	High	• Instructors to make sure that all participants are wearing appropriate footwear no sandals, “crocs”, or open toed shoes. • Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction on throwing a tomahawk. • Instructor to ensure participants are aware that tomahawks are or could be sharp and not to touch the cutting edge under any circumstances. • Demonstrate the correct method of removing the tomahawk from the target. • Tomahawks to be regularly inspected for damage or burrs especially if a clash of tomahawks has occurred. • Number of people at the throwing points to be controlled by the instructor (Maximum of 12 per session). • A first aid box should be kept in the activity area during the running of the activity.	
Equipment failure	All	Medium	• Equipment to be checked regularly and particularly before use. • Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction how to use a tomahawk.	
Unauthorised use	All	Medium	• Tomahawks to be removed from activity area and correctly stored in locked storage area.	
Manual handling of targets and stands	Instructors	Medium	• Injury through manual handling of targets and stands can be reduced significantly by the use of two or more people being used to move them on the site. Only people trained to move the stands and targets should be allowed to do so.	
Covid	All	High	• Government and scouting guidelines which are in force at the time the activity is run must be followed.	