

Crossing Woodcock Risk Assessment

Item No.	Hazard	What potential harm and to who	Current Control System	Likelihood rating	Severity factor	Additional Actions required	Residual Risk
1	Shooting Clay Pigeons using Shotguns.	Death or Serious injury through accidental discharge or misuse of a Shotgun.	A Range officer will be appointed for each shoot to ensure control on the day, he will also ensure all flags and barriers are in place before commencing shooting, and all names of persons on the range logged in the register book.	L	H	Ensure all shooters present have experience in weapon handling. All new comers will be observed for their gun handling skills, and coached if required.	L
2	Loaded Shotguns & Stored energy.	Death or Serious Injury.	Guns to be empty except when in use. Guns to be broken or a breach flag showing semi-auto's are empty when moving between disciplines,	L	H	Range officer to ensure Shotguns are not left unattended, and placed in gun racks provided. Keep cartridges in a safe place.	L
3	Noise and Airborne debris.	Damage to Hearing and Eyes.	Mandatory Hearing protection, Glasses and Hats must be adhered to by shooters and spectators.	L	H	Signs erected showing Mandatory use of PPE.	L
4	Direction of shooting.	Death or Serious Injury.	Range officer and scorer will ensure the direction of shooting is clear of all persons before shooting starts.	L	H	Sound whistle to permit shooting to begin.	L
5	Ricochets.	Injury to shooters and spectators.	No materials permitted in the shooting area that will cause deflection of lead shot.	L	M	Remove stones and other items around shoot area.	L
6	Clay Fragments.	Injury to shooters and spectators from airborne fragments of Clays.	Hats, Glasses and suitable clothing.	L	M	Pay attention at all times when shooting is in progress.	L
7	Trap Maintenance.	Injury to persons doing maintenance.	Only people trained in the use of Clay traps will be permitted to maintain them.	L	M	Training will be given prior to anyone doing any maintenance on the traps.	L
8	Trap Loading.	Injury to persons loading the trap.	A whistle is sounded to stop shooting and a red flag is erected showing all is safe to access trap houses. Disarm the trap before entering the trap house, and release tension on the throwing spring before loading starts.	L	M	Only trained persons to load the trap.	L
9	Slips trips and falls.	Injury to shooters and spectators.	Paths and walkways to be kept clear.	L	L	A First Aid kit is kept in the Club house if required.	L

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10	Vehicle Access & Egress	Damage to Vehicles using the road when shooting is in progress.	Stop vehicles until it is safe to pass once the discipline is completed.	L	L	Signs erected showing Mandatory use of PPE. Make sure all other discipline are aware of the vehicle accessing or egressing.	L
11	Gun over swing	Injury to others.	The cage provided at the stance will eliminate over swing if person is in correct position in the cage.	L	L	Referee and scorer to oversee shooters stance position.	L
12	Young spectators.	Injury	All young spectators are required to wear a high visibility vest, ensuring they can be easily seen by everyone present, also wearing glasses, hat and hearing protection.	L	L	Remain in the club house or in a vehicle.	L
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