**Tandem Trekkers Route Assessment**

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**This assessment relates to:**

Bodington / Brownlee Circuit - Bodington Ave, Adel, Leeds LS16 <https://sport.leeds.ac.uk/facilities/bodington-playing-fields/>

Brooksbank Circuit - Hammerstone Leach Ln, Elland HX5 0TA <https://brooksbankcyclecircuit.co.uk/>

BKCAT Circuit - St Thomas à Becket Catholic School, Barnsley Road, Sandal, Wakefield, WF2 6EQ <https://cyclecircuitbkcat.co.uk/>

All three circuits are purpose made dedicated tracks which have been specifically designed for cycling activities. All are traffic free and considered both safe and ideal for Tandem Trekkers. Accordingly, all risks are considered low. Prior to the compilation of this assessment, Tandem Trekkers have previously ridden on all three circuits

Please note that a separate assessment relates to the track at Leeds Road Sports Complex

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| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Level** | **Mitigation** |
| Debris / foreign objects such as broken glass on track surface | Puncture or injury if rider falls | Low | Track to be ridden by session leader or nominee prior to start of session and any hazards to be removed. |
| Spectators /members of the public | Collision | Low | Vigilance, caution. Non-riders to be asked to keep well off the track. |
| Dogs off the lead | Collision  | Low | Vigilance, caution. Ask owners to keep all dogs on leads at all times. |
| Other cyclists on track | Collision | Low | Issue verbal warning to other riders if they are being overtaken and on which side. Use general good practice of cycle handling / road use. |
| Conflicting orientation | Collision | Low | All tandems to travel in an anti-clockwise direction. |
| Bends | Falls / Injury | Low | Riders to be reminded that whilst circuits are purpose designed for cycling and straight sections can be ridden at speed, all circuits have bends which require extra care. |
| Merging cyclists | Collision | Low | All cyclists joining the main directional flow – either from the main starting point or one of the “short-cut” access points to give way to other riders. |
| Inclement weather | Falls / Injury | Low | Weather policy to be adhered to and session ended if surfaces are deemed to have become too slippery. |

**ADDENDUM –** 24th February 2024**.** The contents of this policy shall also apply to Wyke Circuitand any other purpose made cycle circuit deemed suitable by the appointed session leader.

**General risk assessment notes applicable to all rides**

* All riders should be encouraged to take part in activities that are within their capabilities.
* All riders must wear a helmet.
* High vis clothing to be considered for road riding
* The session leader should have checked the leader pack as per insert and have leader pack with them at all times. This must include first aid.
* Sun protection and water advisable to be carried.
* For exposed routes or winter rides suitable clothing is essential along with spare water or windproof items
* All ride leaders should familiarise themselves with the contents of the ride leader pack specifically tools, spares, first aid and survival equip.
* Ride leader should carry suitable navigation aids and check route assessment before commencing ride.