

Hazard:	Control Measures In Place:	Risk Factor:	Further Control Measures:
Goalposts (permanent)	Goalposts on pitch should be checked by the coaches, referees before each session / game / tournament.	Medium / High	We follow Rugby Football Union (RFU) and British Standards Institute (BSI) guidelines when purchasing goals.
Tag Belts and Tags	Coaches / referees ensure all participants wear their belts in the correct manner and safely attach both tags using RFU guidelines.	Low/Medium	Ensure reinforcement of tag-rugby being a no contact game and participants should not hold their tags on their belt, snatch tags out of hands or pull on belts.
Weather Extremes	Coaches / referees / site staff / groundsmen / tournament organisers can call the sessions / games off in extreme weather conditions.	Low/Medium	Adapt games / sessions / tournaments for indoors if facilities available.
General state of the playing area Uneven ground, holes in the ground, foreign objects on the ground.	Coaches / referees check the playing area before every session / game / tournament. Coaches / referees continuously check the playing area.	Medium / High	
Rugby Balls Too hard. Peeling leather, bumps in the balls.	Coaches / referees ensure all rugby balls are inflated to the appropriate pressure using RFU guidelines. Ensure any damaged or faulty rugby balls are taken out of use until they can be repaired or thrown away.	Low	
Footwear Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping / risk of injury) sharp studs.	Coaches / referees ensure all participants footwear are checked before every session / game / tournament for appropriate sports footwear and sharp studs before session / game / tournament begins.	Low	Coaches / schools / clubs are responsible for making sure all their students / players have appropriate footwear for the surface they are playing on, and to check their studs regularly.
Jewellery	Coaches / referees ensure all jewellery is removed or taped up before every session / game / tournament.	Low	Each student / player to be responsible for removing their own jewellery before every session / game / tournament.
Conduct of Players Dangerous play / physical violence.	Every session / game / tournament will be played to RFU rules and the coaches / referees will caution or send out any students / players in breach of these rules.	Medium	Coaches / referees to ensure sessions / games / tournaments are played along to the rules and regulations outlined by the school / organizers.
Physical injuries from normal activity	Coaches to ensure all students / players warm up and cool down properly before every session / game / tournament. Every coach / referee has access to their own adequately stocked first aid kit. Students / players with injuries or medical complaints should let the coaches / referees know before every session / game / tournament. Coverage by ECS injury insurance.	Medium	All coaches / referees have a relevant and up to date first aid qualification.
Dehydration/Exhaustion	Water bottles are provided by the schools / club coaches.	Medium	Players to bring their own drinks.

