

# Hammer/Discus Non Compliant Cage for training



**This risk assessment is an example of what can be done to allow continued use of the facility until 2023 when facilities should comply with the new standard**

## Risk Probability Matrix : - Use of Cage not meeting UKA updated standard

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|---|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Risk</b>                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cause major damage to reputation of "The Club", The Council &amp; England Athletics</li> <li>2. Have an immediate effect on the future of athletics competition</li> <li>3. Cause person to be hospitalized or death</li> </ol> | <b>Medium</b>       | <b>High</b>           | <b>High</b>     |
|   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be reported in the local press but not significantly affecting "The Club", "The Council", EA or future events</li> <li>2. Cause injury requiring first aid treatment</li> <li>3. Near miss with potential for injury</li> </ol> | <b>Low</b>          | <b>Medium</b>         | <b>High</b>     |
|   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have no significant effect to "The Club", "The Council ", EA or future events</li> <li>2. Minor injury</li> <li>3. No Potential for escalation</li> </ol>   | <b>Low</b>          | <b>Low</b>            | <b>Low</b>      |
|   |   | Occurs once in >5yr | Occurs once >1yr <5yr | Occurs every yr |
| <b>Probability of Risk Event at Venue</b> |   |                     |                       |                 |

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## Risk Assessment:

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| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Assessed by:</b>   | <b>Location :</b> | <b>Review :</b> |
|              | Names of Risk assessment group. Should include a member of the stadium management | Stadium Name      | < Review Date>  |

| What are the Hazards?   | Who might be harmed and how?  | What are you already doing?   | Risk Rating | What else can you do to control this risk?  | Resultant Risk Rating | Action by whom  | Target date | Complete |
|---|---|---|-------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Cage does not meet the updated UK Athletics requirements for cage construction and design</b>          | The higher standard of safety compliance was introduced due to incidents and near misses that have occurred | The previous cage design provided adequate safety provision but required a consistent approach to safety across all regions | Med         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cage safety Bulletin March 2021 (See Appendix 2)</li> <li>Page 19 of above document refers to use of risk assessment for continued use of cage for competition and training</li> <li>Track Mark inspections in place to assess the maintenance and operability of cages</li> </ul> | Low                   | Information     |             |          |
| <b>Safety Area defined by survey runs into the track or other area where people may gather or operate</b> | Risk to other Athletes, spectators or ground staff  | Survey of the safety zones should be available to show where risks may occur  | Med         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety zones should be clearly communicated to all coaches using the facility to ensure all users have clear understanding of the restrictions and the risks associated with the cage use</li> <li></li> </ul>   | Low                   | Stadium manager |             |          |
| <b>Safety zone runs into</b>  | Risk to other Athletes, spectators or ground  | Coach understands   | Med         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club coach to be present at</li> </ul>   | Low                   |                 |             |          |

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| <p>track at 45m for left handed throwers and 75m for right handed throwers</p> | <p>staff</p>                         | <p>capability of their athletes</p> <p>Safety zone intersects the track at 45m for left handed throwers and 75m for right handed throwers</p> |            | <p>cage when athletes are training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cage gates to be secured in correct position for athlete handedness as per UKA rulebook</li> <li>• Where an athlete can reach the track = best distance +10m, track area should be cordoned off to restrict access by other track users and spectators.</li> <li>• Restrict use of cage to 35m distance when left handed throwers are training</li> <li>• Restrict use of cage to 65m distance when right handed throwers are training</li> <li>• Danger zones associated with throwing area to be identified on local signage as per track mark requirement</li> </ul> |            | <p>Coach</p> |                   |  |
| <p><b>Slips Trips and falls</b></p>  | <p>Athletes tripping and falling</p> | <p>Area around cage is kept tidy</p>  | <p>Med</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cage ropes to be secured and kept tidy when operating gates</li> <li>• Buckets and brushes for cleaning circle to be stored away from access routes into circle</li> <li>• Areas to be roped off along the</li> </ul>   | <p>Low</p> | <p>Coach</p> | <p>On the Day</p> |  |

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| <p><b>Slips, Trips, Falls (Continued)</b></p>   | <p>Athletes tripping and falling</p>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area around cage is kept tidy</li> </ul>  | <p>Med</p> | <p>boundary of the infield and not along the sector. This is to ensure the safety area is maintained and stop athletes and coaches crossing the throwing area during training sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warning Notices for throwing in progress to be placed in suitable locations along the safety area boundary</li> <li>• Make athletes that are not familiar with this area or any retrievers aware of uneven field</li> <li>• Circle maintained in good order and free from damage</li> <li>• Gate fixing points should be clearly identified if they are a trip hazard</li> </ul> | <p>Low</p> | <p>Coach</p> | <p>On the day</p> |  |
| <p><b>Cage damaged by hammers or discus</b></p> | <p>Officials competitors and spectators getting hit by hammer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holes in cage repaired on regular basis</li> <li>• Implements inspected prior to training for damage and loose ends on wires</li> </ul> | <p>Med</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment should be inspected prior to training for damage that may tear or cut the netting</li> <li>• Holes should be repaired when they become apparent to the coach using temporary tyraps where required. And reported to the stadium management for assessment and repair.</li> </ul>  | <p>Low</p> | <p>Coach</p> | <p>On the Day</p> |  |

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Satellite view showing 83 deg safety zone

