

ES PROMOTIONS RISK ASSESSMENT & METHOD STATEMENT



Risk Assessment of: Sumo Suits

Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood 1 - 5	Severity 1 – 5	Risk Score L x S	Further Action to Take
Aggravation of existing health conditions	Ensure that no one uses the equipment who suffers from neck or back problems, heart complaints, is feeling unwell, suffering effects of alcohol of drugs or pregnant.	1	3	3	Operator to check health conditions with participants
Injury through poor protection	Operator must ensure that participants wear all protective equipment provided – suit, head guard and neck braces	1	2	2	Suits are to be checked regularly for faults or damage. The protection provided cannot protect the face..
Injury from impact	Crash mat is supplied.	1	2	2	None
Incorrect suit size for height of participant	Operator to ensure the suits fit the participants and match competitors equally	1	2	2	None
Injury from Participants or 3 rd party items	Operator to instruct participants to remove shoes, jewellery, glasses etc.	1	2	2	None
Injury to participant when lifted up	Operators must lift fallen participants, and to lift from under the arms, or pull up by hands.	1	2	2	None
Over Enthusiastic Participants	A fully trained operator must be present with the equipment at all times, in the event that the operator is not in view – do not enter the equipment under any circumstances. If equipment is booked without ES Staff we recommend a responsible adult supervises the activity.	2	1	2	With prior notice of large numbers attending the event additional trained operators will be supplied.
Unruly Behaviour	The most important rule of all is that the operator's decision is final, refusal to abide by the operators guidance will result in ride refusal& in extreme circumstances closure of the unit.	1	2	2	None

L=Likelihood S=Severity L X S = Risk Score with 1 = Lowest Risk and 25 = Highest

Risk and likelihood are worked out using numbers 1-5. These are then multiplied to give the risk score. ES Promotions recommend that clients undertake their own risk assessment to suit individual needs.

We strive to have no risk score over 10 and anything over 20 would result in ES Promotions not running the kit.

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All measurements in 'ft'.

UNIT SIZE (W x D x H)	12 X 12 X 13	TBC
MIN. AREA REQ.	12 X 12 X 13	
POWER REQUIRED	None	
OPERATORS	1	
ZIPS	0	
TIE POINTS	0	

1) Arrival on site

- > Find a safe and practical entrance point to unload kit
- > Confirm location is suitable for equipment
- > Ensure ground is flat and free from obstructions and sharp objects

2) The Set Up

- > Unroll both halves of the mats and velcro together to create a circular playing area
- > Keep straps in a safe place until the end of the event
- > Place both sumo suits, and both headguards on to the mats, ready for play

3) The Operation

- > This unit is designed for 2 people at any one time
- > The idea of the game is to score a point by pushing the other person out of the red area into the blue, or to push the other person down;
The game may be played in bad weather, but will be to the discretion of the event manager
- > There is no age limit, however, it's not recommended for children that cannot stand up in the suit, i.e. the suit is taller than them, as it makes for impossible play
- > Ensure all shoes, glasses, and excessive jewellery are removed before use

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4) The Pack Down

- > Ensure the area is clear of guests before commencing the pack down
- > Remove headguards and sumo suits, and fold each half of the mat
- > Place metal end of strap under each mat, then pull strap over and secure
- > Load van in a safe and secure manner, before checking area for equipment