

APPLICABLE FP POLICY, LEGISLATION, INDUSTRY STANDARDS

- Adult Supervision Training and Adult Supervision Assessment and Agreement
- Supervising adults under surveillance by Finlay Park staff at random times.
- Tower structure checked by Engineer (McDowell engineering)

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW (INSERT)

A huge inflatable balloon in the lake with a jumping tower. For the real thrill seekers who aren't scared to be launched out over the lake. One person will sit at the far end of the Blob while two others jump off the tower onto the Blob, launching the person at the end of the Blob into the air. A great spectator sport!

LOCATION**SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS****COMPETENCY INSTRUCTOR**

No instructor required

COMPETENCY ADULT (ONLY STATE IF VISITING ADULTS SUPERVISES ACTIVITY)

1. Adult supervision" category (!)
2. Must be 16 years or older
3. Must have completed the Adult Supervision Training and assessed by Finlay Park Staff as competent to supervise the activities.
4. Must sign off that they will run the activities in a safe manner according to these SOPs and are not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

EQUIPMENT

- a) Cell phone
- b) First Aid kit (groups are required to supply their own first aid needs, however FP does have supplies available)
- c) Life Jackets
- d) Helmets (to protect ears)

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS**COMPETENCY**

- a) Minimum age: 10 years or older
- b) Minimum level of competency: Must be able to swim confidently.

EQUIPMENT

- a) Clothes: Togs
- b) Foot wear: none
- c) Life jacket

SUPERVISION STRUCTURE**NUMBERS**

1 person at a time

RATIOS

2 adults

SUPERVISION POSITION

One adult supervising the tower and one adult on the raft.

RATIO SUPERVISION CHANGES**SPECIFIC SUPERVISION INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADULT HELPERS (WHEN ADULT HELPERS ARE UNDER SUPERVISION OF FP INSTRUCTOR)**

Adult on the tower must check lifejackets, helmets and instruct blob process.

Adult on the raft to supervise the landing zone and provide assistance if needed.

All adults (tower and raft) must wear life jackets. This is in case a participant requires assistance.

ACTIVITY IN OPERATION

GENERAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND RESCUE SCENARIOS

Minor incidents (scale 1 – 5):

- Pause the activity if needed
- Administer first aid (kit provided, or first aid room) Note: All groups are notified to bring their own first aid supplies.
- Assess whether victim can continue or needs to return to camp
- Assess whether activity can continue
- Fill out incident form and notify senior staff as soon as possible

Serious harm incidents (scale 6 – up)

- Stop the activity
- Ensure the safety of yourself and the participants.
- Administer first aid
- Contact senior staff immediately for extra assistance and/ or contact emergency services
- With senior staff fill out incident report and investigation

Flooding:

- Move group to higher ground ASAP
- Account for all staff and participants
- Inform senior staff of situation
- Return to camp or if not possible to nearest exit point

High winds/ cyclone:

- Move group to more sheltered position and/ or
- Contact senior staff for rescue if unable to move
- Account for all staff and participants

Earth quake:

- Move group away from lake and toward assembly area ASAP if activity is within camp grounds. (if within camp grounds set off fire alarm system)
- Report to senior staff ASAP and account for all staff and participants.

Fire:

- Move group away from imminent danger ASAP and find best possible safe one or if within camp boundaries, raise the alarm and move toward assembly area ASAP.
- Report to senior staff ASAP and account for all staff and participants.
- Contact emergency services

Rescues

1. Participant coming of blob has hit obstacle slide user, kayak, or boat) or is injured in water and unable to move.
 - a) Assess injury as soon as possible, in case of neck or back injury stabilise person as good as is possible in the water, and remove victim from lake to perform first aid. In case of / or suspected back or neck injury;
 - i. Get a stretcher (back of work shop)
 - ii. Secure person on stretcher and float to side of the lake
 - iii. Get 3 helpers and carefully remove victim from water
 - iv. Continue first aid and contact emergency services if applicable

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HAZARD REGISTER

Activity	The Blob			Supervision category	Adult supervision required!
Area	Lake Karapiro lake front			Date reviewed	July 2024
Hazard (what poses the threat)	Poss. Risk (injury outcomes)	Category (environment, people, equipment)	Risk Rate	Controls in place (What we do to either eliminate, minimise or isolate the hazard or risk)	Responsible (who is responsible for dealing with this hazard during activity)
Lake	Drowning	Environment	High	All participants are required to wear lifejackets which need to be checked by supervising adults. The activity is supervised by two adults, one on the tower overlooking the Blob and one on the raft overlooking the landing zone. The Blob when in use is under surveillance off an FP staff member.	Supervising adults/ FP staff
Tower	Concussion/ collision	Equipment	Medium	No person shall be blobbed unless they are in the correct sitting area and position on the blob to prevent collision with the tower. Only 1 person at a time can be blobbed to prevent collision with other participants	Supervising adults
Other lake users		People	Medium	The area on the lake surrounding the Blob is to be checked and cleared from people/ object (boats, kayaks, debris floating etc). This is the responsibility of the supervising adults	FP staff and supervising adults
Water	Popped ear drums	equipment	High	All participants shall wear head gear with ear covers on them to prevent water from forcing pressure in the ear opening and possibly popping an eardrum	Supervising adults and participants
Blob soft	Awkward landing resulting in injury	People/ equipment	medium	The blob is checked prior to use by an FP supervisor. Part of the check is the level of inflation of the blob. Possible punctures in the blob are fixed as soon as possible	FP staff
Low lake level	Sliding of the blob and hitting the ground	Environment/ people	medium	Lake levels are checked by FP staff daily and prior to the activity. A lake level marker is located near the blob. If level is detected below the marker the blob is not to be used.	FP staff
Water impact on body	Bruising	people	Medium	Participants can only be blobbed to a maximum weight of their weight times two. This means that the total weight off the people jumping of the tower in order to blob the participant cannot have a greater weight combined that twice the weight of the participant. This to prevent the participant from being launched to high and thus have more chance of an awkward, uncontrolled, painful landing.	Supervising adults

	Back, neck injuries	people	High	See above. People with back and neck issues and pregnant ladies are advised not to use the Blob.	Participants and supervising adults
Landing onto blob	Arm, legs and wrist injuries	people	High	Clear signage and training show supervising adults and participants how to land on blob correctly. Participants must land on their backs when jumping of the tower with arms crossed across their chest.	Participant and supervising adult
Height of the fall	Winded	people	Low	See above	Supervising adults
weather	Hypothermia	environment	Medium	Supervising adults are responsible to ensure the well-being of all participants during cold weather	Supervising adults
sun	Sun Burn	environment	Medium	See above, supervising adults are responsible for making sure all participants have adequate sun protection	Supervising adults

VERSION			
Version	Date	Changes	Authorized by
1.0	18 Feb 2016	Implemented version graph	Gus
1.1	11 July 2017	Changes to emergency procedures	Gus
1.2	29/10/2018	Changes made to supervision structure and restrictions	Gus
1.3	20/2/2020	Slight changes in wording pre check.	Gus
1.4	13/8/2020	Added low lake level and underinflated blob to hazard register	Gus
1.5	16/11/2020	Added supervising adults must wear life jackets	Gus
1.6	3 July 2024	Created new SOP	Kowie