

Hazard:	Control Measures In Place:	Risk Factor:	Further Control Measures:
Softball Bases Broken Bases.	Ensure any damaged or faulty softball bases are taken out of use until they can be repaired or thrown away.	Low / Medium	We follow British Softball Federation (BSF) guidelines when purchasing equipment.
Weather Extremes	Coaches / referees / site staff / groundsman / 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	
Softball Bats Injuries from Bats. Broken Bats.	Coaches / referees ensure all students / players keep a safe distance from batters and appropriate safety equipment is worn. Ensure any damaged or faulty softball bats are taken out of use until they can be repaired or thrown away.	Medium	Coaches / umpires ensure students / players do not purposely swing their bats at anyone.
Softballs / Catchers Mitts Too hard. Hand / Finger Injuries. Body Injuries. Cracked balls, broken plastic, split leather.	Coaches / referees ensure all softballs are suitable for the age range of students / players participating using BSF guidelines. Ensure all students / players are instructed in correct catching techniques. Ensure batters wear appropriate safety equipment. Ensure all students / players are instructed in correct pitching / throwing techniques. Ensure any damaged or faulty softballs and catchers mitts are taken out of use until they can be repaired or thrown away.	Low	Coaches / umpires ensure students / players do not purposely directly hit the softball balls at anyone. Coaches / umpires ensure all catchers mitts are fit for purpose.
Footwear Inappropriate footwear for conditions (danger of slipping / risk of injury).	Coaches / referees ensure all participants footwear are checked before every session / game / tournament for appropriate sports footwear 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.
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 RE 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.

