



RATIOS:

2 adults

SUPERVISOR POSITION:

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

SUPERVISOR ROLES:

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.

EQUIPMENT SUPERVISOR:

- 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)

EQUIPMENT PARTICIPANT:

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

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:

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

RESTRICTIONS:

SAFETY ACTION PLAN

People with back, neck and or had injuries should refrain from participating.

ACTIVITY IN OPERATIONS:

PRE CHECK

1. Check lake level. For height indication see sign on raft.
2. This is an adult supervised run activity (no need for a staff member to run it unless the group is happy to pay for it).
3. Adult supervisors should have completed on line training and activity induction on arrival. Induction can be given just before activity starts.
4. Check Tower structure, Blob pressure (should be a soft landing onto blob) and anchors before activity session.
5. Check and see if Slide will be operational as well. It is advisable not to use slide in case of collision. If slide is used they (adult that runs it) need to take the utmost care to prevent collisions, and have a communication system in place

SET UP

1. Instruct adult supervisors on how to use the blob safely
2. Pump up blob to correct pressure
3. Supervise adults for a short time to ensure they understand the procedures

RULES/ MANAGEMENT

You need:

1. One adult/ supervisor on the tower and one on the raft.

ACTIVITY: THE BLOB

2. Everyone must wear a lifejacket.
3. Person blobbed must wear a blob helmet with ear protection
4. No more than 4 people on the tower

Before you blob someone:

1. Check if their buoyancy vest and helmet are secure
2. Move participant into position; jump off tower with arms crossed, land on back, and crawl to front, sit on end seam.
3. Person blobbed should lie back and hold on to bend knees.
4. Jumpers combined weight should not exceed the weight of person being blobbed X2 ±25KG NO EXCUSES
5. Check surrounding Blob area is clear of boats, kayaks, swimmers, and sliders.
6. If slide is in use liaise with person in charge on slide tower when you can Blob so collisions with the slide are totally ruled out.
7. Do not Blob if in doubt about people on slide
8. Jumpers hold arms and count down, jump and land on their backs on the Blob. Then roll to the sides of Blob. No diving!

Reset:

1. Person blobbed has to swim to the left and up the stairs. Do not swim to right as it will interfere with The Slide.
2. Return gear to tower, and get ready for next person...

Activity		The Blob		Supervision category	Adult supervision required!	
Area	Lake Karapiro lake front			Date reviewed	July 2017	
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	Envir	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	Equip	Medium	No person shall blobbed unless they are in the correct sitting area on the blob to prevent collision with the tower. Only 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	equip	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
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 change 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 and wrist injuries	people	High	Clear signage and training shows supervising adults and participants how to land on blob correctly.		Participant and supervising adult



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Height of the fall	Winded	people	Low	See above	Supervising adults
weather	Hypothermia	envir	Medium	Supervising adults are responsible to ensure the well-being of all participants during cold weather	Supervising adults
sun	Sun Burn	envir	Medium	See above, Supervising adults are responsible for making sure all participants have adequate sun protection	Supervising adults