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Blast Off

INTRODUCTION

Blast Off is a fun challenge involving members of the group being hoisted into the air.

VENUE

A tree has been set up in Thurston Grounds to provide suitable belays.

STAFFING

- Ratio: The normal instructor/student ratio.
- Group leaders should hold SPA, or higher award, or have in house training.

EQUIPMENT

- Helmets should be worn.
- Adequate clothing for the conditions.
- The centre provides all specialist equipment.
- Instructor should carry out a visual inspection on all equipment to be used.

OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

- Members of the group should be attached to a hoisting rope. In addition to this the instructor should take suitable precautions to ensure a controlled descent using appropriate belay method.
- Participant being hoisted should be securely attached to the haul rope and checked.
- Consideration given to the use of a chest harness when deemed appropriate.
- Petzl Swivel and extension sling to be used to prevent fingers being trapped in the pulley.
- At the end of the day the tree must be left with haul and safety ropes removed and tracer lines in place.
- The tree and anchor systems will be subject to regular inspections.
- Not to be used in high winds (Force 4 or above).