



16 – Risk Categorisation

British Taekwondo utilises the following Risk Categorisation Matrix: -

Probability		Impact Level			
		1.Negligible	2.Minor	3.Serious	4.Severe
		Minor knock	First Aid Case	Medical Treatment Case	Lasting Injury or Fatality
4. Very Likely	Every Session	4	8	12	16
3. Likely	Two or Three Times a Year	3	6	9	12
2. Very Occasionally	Hardly Ever	2	4	6	8
1. Extremely Unlikely	Freak Chance	1	2	3	4

The above Matrix details the level of-

- The *risk impact* i.e., how much damage could be caused (Minor Knock to Lasting Injury)
- The *probability of that risk occurring* i.e., how often it might occur (Very Likely to Extremely Unlikely).

The grid below determines what must be done regarding that risk level: -

Risk Category	Assessment	Action
1	Risk is judged to score 8 (e.g., 2x4) or higher (as shown in Red in the matrix)	The risk must be reviewed and removed or reduced.
2	Risk is judged to score 4 (e.g., 2x2) or higher (as shown in Amber in the matrix)	The risk should be reviewed and reduced where possible or protection provided.
3	Risk is judged to score 3 (e.g., 1x3) or lower (as shown in Green in the matrix)	The risk may be tolerable and no action taken other than additional care or supervision.

It should be noted that 'protecting against a high risk' is the last form of defence. Preferably a high risk should be removed or reduced prior to protecting from it.