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## Factsheet:

### 4: Banned Activities

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#### 1. Overview:

- 1.1. This factsheet details the activities that are banned within SSAGO. For more information about activities please refer to the 'Activity Guidelines & Nights Away' Policy Document.

#### 2. Banned Activities:

- 2.1. The following are activities that SSAGO members are **not** allowed to participate in at club or national SSAGO events.
  - Knife throwing
  - Towing or riding of inflatables behind powered watercraft (eg banana boating)
  - Cutting glow sticks
  - Bungee jumping
  - Go karting/quad biking on public roads - these are permitted indoors or on private tracks
  - Hitch-hiking
  - Horse vaulting
  - Pendulum swing or jump
  - Releasing sky-lanterns and helium balloons
  - War Games where weapons of any form are used against human- or animal-shaped targets, including laser tag, combat style archery activities (e.g. archery tag), virtual reality war games and paintball. This doesn't include:
    - o Use of such weapons against other targets (e.g. using a paintball gun as part of a coconut shy or laser clay pidgeon shooting).
    - o War Games like Capture the Flag, Ninja, Tag, Assassin where no weapons are used (e.g. using hands to tag).
    - o Official sports where weapons may be used (e.g. fencing, martial arts).
  - Trotti biking
- 2.2. These activities are not acceptable under any circumstances.

- 2.3. Clubs must note that the use of a 'mystery evening' to undertake one of these activities will not be tolerated by SSAGO, Girlguiding nor the Scouts, and sanctions will be sought against clubs who do this.
- 2.4. These activities are **NOT** underwritten, under any circumstances, by SSAGO's insurers.

For more information follow these links:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/9-activities/#9.1>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/programme-and-activities/guidance-on-activities/prohibited-activities/>