

Newcastle University Boat Club

Tyne Single Scullers Head - 1 September 2018

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Introduction

Newcastle University Boat Club believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable adults present at events it organises is paramount. Children and vulnerable adults, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability have equal rights to safety and protection.

All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm must be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Event Welfare Officer

The Club will appoint an *Event Welfare Officer* for the Head. He or she will be suitably experienced and familiar with the British Rowing guidance. He or she will be present in or close to one or other the host clubhouses for the duration of the event and available at all times in person or by mobile phone.

Reporting structure

Visiting clubs and those helping with the event on the day will be advised that should they have any concerns regarding welfare at the event they should, in the first instance, be raised with the Event Welfare Officer. All such persons will be given the mobile phone number of the Welfare Officer and it will be placed on the event web page.

On the day, the Welfare Officer will discuss as appropriate any issues arising with the Chair of the Organising Committee, particularly if the issue raised affects the running of the event as a whole. If it is a minor issue then the Welfare Officer may be able to take the appropriate action without consulting others, but should report all such actions back to the Chair as soon as feasible.

Should the matter be serious, then the Event Welfare Officer may need to contact the British Rowing child welfare officer or the local police immediately, as per British Rowing guidance.

Conduct

All visiting clubs through their coaches or other club will be asked in advance to abide by British Rowing's Rules of Racing, the Row Safe safety guidance and the Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy document, all available on British Rowing's website.

Medical Provision

First aid will be provided by a recognised provider at the event and based in the clubhouse or another obvious place for the duration of the event. In case of a serious emergency the club will contact the emergency services direct.

Security

The Club will ask their helpers and members generally to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious affecting welfare to the Event Welfare Officer or another race official; competitors and coaches will be asked to do the same.

Missing participants

Should a junior competitor or other child be reported missing at an event, the Welfare Officer should be informed and unless, agreed otherwise, will be responsible for initiating the search for the missing child and, if appropriate, contacting the police.

Photography

Given the nature of the events (occurring outdoors in public areas) it is not usually possible to control photography taking place. However, the Club will brief helpers to report any suspicious photography to the Welfare Officer who will take the appropriate action.

Availability of information

The Club will be publishing separately a risk assessment, a safety plan, a course map and instructions to competitors, which will all support general welfare of juniors and vulnerable adults

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