

COVID Risk Assessment for Evesham Rowing Club Junior event, October 9th 2021

Date: 23/09/2021

Risk Assessor – Evesham Rowing Club – Rowing Committee

Responsible person – Pat Sykes

BACKGROUND

This is the first event that ERC has hosted since the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in March 2020. The last event ERC hosted was in November 2019. Our aim is to provide competitive racing for junior rowers in a controlled environment adhering to government and BR guidelines with the main objective to keep junior athletes and supporting adults safe from the risk of the transmission of COVID 19.

RATIONALE

Pre pandemic ERC has long history of hosting safe and compliant multi age and ability events at least 3 times a year. The safety knowledge and experience gained over the years will be applied to this junior only event with the additional COVID practices outlined in this risk assessment. As an organising committee it is our intention to gain experience in hosting post covid events to develop a new code of practice. A junior only event provides adequate access to volunteers in the form of both parents, senior and master members to help with additional COVID protocols for our first event. The Club has operated Covid secure when allowed and parents and club members are familiar with these practices.

Physical areas covered:

Outdoor areas where event takes place: Boat House, Landing Stage, riverbank where potential for spectators, Club Car Park and racing.

Indoor areas: ground floor entrance and corridors, 'registration/information' area (Ergo Room) lift, stairwells, first floor corridors, changing rooms and toilets

Areas not covered: Squash and tennis courts (access by athletes, coaches and guardians not permitted in these areas (Signs will be put up to communicate this)
Boathouse Café operating under own/separate COVID risk assessment for the provision of serving food and drink.

Non physical areas include aspects of racing, rowing level 3

Additional Notes

To be communicated in event entry info:

- Each club to provide contact details of a Covid Officer who will maintain a list of all attendees
- Spectators are discouraged
- Participants/athletes and supporters must not attend if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms or tested positive.
- Anyone developing symptoms during the regatta must leave IMMEDIATELY and inform the Covid Officer by phone
- All attendees to conduct a Risk assessment before attending and to be responsible for adhering to BR and Government Guidelines while at the event
- Clubs to advise ERC Covid Officer immediately should any of their attendees contract Covid-19 within 5 days of attending the event

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Area/Activity INDOORS	Potential risk	Risk of transmission	Notes/Actions MASKS TO BE WORN INSIDE AT ALL TIMES
Movement of people Stairs	Passing in corridors and indoor spaces	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One way system throughout club from main entrance out through boathouse on ground floor • Masks to be worn at all times inside • No entry signs to be placed on squash court corridor and to stop traffic going wrong way • One way system to operate up indoor stairs to first floor and down outside through boathouse café
Ergo Room	Close contact between volunteers & Registration Point Bottleneck	Med-High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks to be worn at all times inside • Contact to be kept to a minimum and logged if close contact more than 15 mins. Lengthy conversations to be taken outside • Hand gel available and to be used frequently Windows and doors open at all times • Only one representative per club to collect numbers etc. using Fire Exit Door for entry with limited numbers signposted • Team Leaders to collect boxes • All other volunteers to meet in front of Boat House Doors • Radios collected and returned to Ergo Room with registration signing out & In and wiping down
Washrooms	Close contact	Med-High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All queues to be social distanced in corridor outside each washroom area. One in one out to be observed at all times. Notices to be placed on doors. • Hand sanitiser available and anti bac spray to be used on all high touch points in washroom after each use (notices placed inside washroom) • Volunteers to clean all high touch points at regular (half hour) intervals(?) and logged on cleaning checklist
Changing Rooms / Showers	Close Contact	Low	EMERGENCY USE ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use to be supervised and logged • Locked, Key from info desk

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Lift	Close contact	Low	Lift is available for disabled access only and limited to 2 persons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate signage to be placed on lift regarding use • Hand sanitiser to be available in lift
Boathouse Café			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See separate assessment
Squash Courts	Contact Spread	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of bounds to participants • No Access signs to be put up

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Boathouse	Close contact	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boathouse doors to remain open at all times to allow exit route One way system in operation through boat house for exit purposes only All ERC boats, blades, buoyancy aids and other equipment being used to be stored on trailer outside
Landing Stage	Close contact	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each participating club to designate volunteers to man landing stage to minimise contact with volunteers from other clubs. All other supporters to keep this area free
Aspects of racing	Close Contact	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs briefing to include responsibility of everyone attending including athletes, officials and spectators to adhere to British Rowing and Government Guidelines with regards to Coronavirus when on site
Spectators	Greater contact spread	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spectators are discouraged from attending the event.
Portaloos	N/A	N/A	Not used
Boating	Close Contact	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs to bring own support personnel Limited event helpers will be provided and will wear masks
Results/ Prize Giving	Close Contact	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results will be spread out by Division and published for viewing outside Prize Giving Will be held outside in Club Car Park
Tennis Courts	Greater Contact Spread	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No access to participants Signage on display
Outdoor catering - BBQ	Close Contact	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering volunteers to wear masks at all times Attendees discouraged from congregating & asked to consider remaining in their groups/bubbles
Umpire/ Marshall Stations & briefings	Close Contact between volunteers & Participants	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only risk area is at finish and Finish Marshalls will be cordoned off Marshalls equipment boxes to be minimised – volunteers to bring their own pens, incidents to be logged via radio not written down individually, instructions to be laminated. Briefings to be given online

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only Start/ Finish Marshalls to have a running order• Coxes weighing will not be communicated by bits of paper – anyone querying will need to check centrally
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