



## **Evesham Events**

### **WELFARE STATEMENT AND PLAN**

#### **To all competing clubs and regatta officials:**

In accordance with the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protection of Children Guidance Guidelines for Rowing Competitions

#### **Welfare Statement**

The organising Committee of the event believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount. All children, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability, have equal rights to safety and protection. We would ask that everybody should be vigilant and report anything suspicious, such as, someone unknown to the crew taking photographs. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm are taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

#### **Welfare Plan**

The organising committee has looked at the procedures of the processes of the event from the point of view of the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, whether as competitors, helpers or spectators.

Most issues are covered in the safety plans but the organising committee would like to draw attention to the following specific points:

Children as competitors - all officials and competitors should treat child competitors in an appropriate way, for example when giving instructions or when launching or marshalling.

Children as helpers - Children will not be placed in hazardous situations.

Children as spectators - Child spectators should take care when close to the river bank.

#### **What to do if you have a child welfare concern?**

If anyone at the Regatta has any concerns of any nature about child welfare they should contact the **Regatta Welfare Officer, Nicki Pettit**. During the Regatta, she can be found at catering or through registration. Her mobile number is **07979857763**. She can be contacted by asking any official with a radio to pass a message to her.

Nicki will take overall responsibility for investigations and taking any required action, and referral to other concerned parties e.g. coordination umpire, the police or British Rowing CPO. She will take

responsibility for reporting any matter to the police, and ensuring that reports are made to the British Rowing child Protection Officer (020 8237 6700) for the NSPCC (0808 800 5000) if appropriate

**Medical Provision** is provided **at the event during the hours of racing**; outside these hours please use the local numbers for the hospital, or emergency services – numbers listed below.

### **Contact numbers for Responsible Adults**

The Regatta Welfare officer may need contact details of coach or other adult responsible for a junior competitor. At registration, all clubs with junior competitors will be asked to provide a contact name and mobile number.

### **Missing Persons**

Report any missing persons to Control Commission (or another official) who will communicate with the Club Welfare Officer. Announcements will be sent out via the radios and PA system. Any missing person should also report to Control Commission (or another official), so we can seek the person responsible for them.

### **Contact Numbers**

|                                   |                 |               |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Welfare Officer                   | Nicki Pettit    | 07979857763   |
| Evesham Water Safety Adviser      | Andy Woodward   | 07914392283   |
| Evesham Club Captain              | Carole Lovelock |               |
| Regatta Organising Chairman       | Martyn Sutton   | 07717475924   |
| BR child protection officer (CPO) |                 | 020 8237 6700 |
| NSPCC                             |                 | 0808 800 5000 |

### **Protocol when receiving a report of a missing person**

- Name, age and brief description of missing person
- Any known medical condition
- Name and contact number of person reporting the missing person
- How long has the person been missing

All Evesham Club members undertaking supervisory roles or with access to young people's contact details are DBS checked and certified

The responsibility for the welfare and behaviour of juniors of visiting clubs lies with those clubs. Evesham RC undertakes not to serve drinks to underage persons whether direct or by proxy via irresponsible adults.

### ***Event Organising Committee***

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