

IRONBRIDGE WEEKEND REGATTAS SATURDAY 25th & SUNDAY 26th JUNE 2016

WELFARE STATEMENT AND PLAN

To all competing clubs and regatta officials:

In accordance with the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Guidance Guidelines for Rowing Competitions (WG 3.4).

Welfare Statement

The Organising Committee of the Ironbridge Weekend Regattas 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 and processes of the Regatta from the point of view of the welfare of children or vulnerable adults, whether as competitors, helpers or spectators. Most issues are covered by the Regatta Safety Plan 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: Children spectating in the area by the Finish should take care when close to the river bank. Those with them should exercise vigilance.

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, Sarah Staniforth**. During the Regatta, she can be found at Registration. Her mobile phone number is 07966-441873. She can also be contacted by asking any official with a radio to pass a message to her.

Sarah will take overall responsibility for investigations and taking any required action, and referral to other concerned parties e.g. the coordinating umpire, the police or the British Rowing Lead Safeguarding Officer. She will take responsibility for reporting any matter to the police, and for ensuring that reports are made to the British Rowing Child Protection Officer (CPO) (020 8237 6700), for the NSPCC (0808 800 5000), for CHILDLINE (0800 1111), if appropriate.

Medical provision is provided at the regatta during the hours of racing and, outside of this time, plus contact numbers for the local hospital or doctor's clinic are posted on site.

Contact numbers for responsible adults

The Regatta Welfare Officer may need to contact a coach or other adult responsible for a junior competitor. At Registration, all clubs with junior competitors will be asked to provide a contact mobile phone number.

Missing Persons

Any missing persons should be reported to Control, inform the Club Welfare Officer and the police, and will send out an announcement via the radios and the PA system. Any missing person should also report to Control, so we can seek the person responsible for them.

Photography

A copy of British Rowing's advice on photography (WG 5) will be held at Race Control.