

WELFARE STATEMENT & PLAN

In accordance with the British Rowing Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Guidance & Guidelines for Rowing Competitions.

Welfare Statement

The organising committee of Stourport Boat Club Regatta is committed to promoting a safe and enjoyable regatta. The welfare and well-being of all children, young adults and adults with care and support needs, whether as competitors, volunteers or spectators is paramount. Everyone has the right to be safe and free from harm. Everyone has a responsibility to report any concerns they may have, these will be taken seriously and responded to quickly and appropriately.

Welfare Plan

The Club Welfare Officer's (CWOs) for the 2023 Regatta are:

Debby Edwards & Bob Jones

All clubs and schools entering junior competitor's will be required to provide the name and mobile telephone number of at least one club representative assuming responsibility for their children and young adults.

Awareness

The Welfare Statement and Plan will be available to all competitors and event volunteers. Contact information for the CWOs will be available on the registration desk, race control and notice boards.

All personnel working with children and young adults should be aware and adhere to the British Rowing's Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy (June 2021) found here [British-Rowing-Safeguarding-Children-and-Young-People-Policy-June-2021-2.pdf \(britishrowing.org\)](#)

Further information and all policies and guidance can be found on British Rowing here [Safeguarding - British Rowing](#)

The Safety Advisor and all officials will be aware and adhere to the Regatta Welfare Statement and Plan.

Reporting

Any incident that causes concern should be reported immediately to race control who will contact the CWOs. The CWOs will document a full report and take immediate and appropriate action.

Depending on the nature of the incident it will be reported to British Rowing Lead Safeguarding officer, West Mercia Police and NSPCC.

The Regatta Safety Advisor (Luke Barnett) will be informed of all incidents and actions taken.

Missing persons

In the event that a young person is missing it should be reported to Race Control. The CWOs will be contacted who will take immediate and appropriate action.

Appropriate level of Security

Visiting Clubs and Schools will maintain overall responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of all their junior competitors and crews.

Visiting and host volunteers and officials should be vigilant for any suspicious activity and raise any concerns immediately.

Visiting Clubs and schools should have their own safeguarding processes and adhere to British Rowing Safeguarding & Protecting Children Policy

Medical Provision

Medical provision will be provided on site and they will be provided with the Welfare Statement and Plan and CWOs contact numbers. In an emergency Race Control / Safety Advisor/ CWOs will contact the emergency services using 999.

Photography

Visiting clubs and schools are required to inform the organising committee of any junior rower's parents/guardians who have not consented for images of their children rowing to be potentially used in promoting the event.

The regatta takes place in open public areas however visiting and host volunteers and officials should be vigilant for any suspicious activity and raise any concerns immediately to race control.

Further information and policy can be found on British Rowing here

[Online-Safety-2020-October-Clean-2021.pdf \(britishrowing.org\)](#)

Foul and abusive language

Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated and will be reported to race control and appropriate action taken.

Important external contacts

British Rowing Lead Safeguarding Officer- 07976 90261 Iso@britishrowing.org

NSPCC- 0808 800 5000

Childline- 0800 1111