

ALTON SPRING AND AUTUMN HEAD RACE SERIES

WELFARE PLAN

*In accordance with British Rowing **Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy (Feb 2013)** – Guidelines for Rowing Competitions (WG3.4)*

The Organising Committee of the Alton Autumn and Spring Head Race Series believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable adults is paramount. All 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 will be taken seriously, and responded to, swiftly and appropriately.

A competition Welfare Officer will act as the point of contact for any concerns and allegations. Their contact number will be posted at the registration desk and will be available from Race Control. This document will also cover vulnerable adults.

The Welfare Officer for this race will be Dr Mary-Jane Budd.

1. Reporting Structure

The first point of contact is the Welfare Officer. The Welfare Officer may then contact the Chairman of the Race Committee, if required, via Race Control.

The Safety Adviser and Race Committee should be informed of any incidents.

The overall responsibility for decisions rests with the Welfare Officer.

The Welfare Officer will report any such matters to British Rowing Child Protection Officer.

The same such matters may be reported to the Police.

2. Awareness

The Welfare Plan will be sent to all participating clubs and event volunteers.

Notices regarding contacting the Welfare Officer will be available from the registration desk.

All personnel dealing with minors in rowing should be aware of the British Rowing information on Safeguarding and Protecting Children.

All Officials should be aware of dealing with minors appropriately using the Row Safe documents.

The Safety Adviser will be aware of the Welfare Statement and Plan.

3. Medical Provision

All the medical staff will be sent the Welfare Plan and will be given the contact details of the Welfare Officer.

In an emergency, Race Control/Safety Officer/Welfare Officer may contact the emergency services

by dialling 999.

4. Appropriate Level of Security

Volunteers and Officials will be briefed on being vigilant for anything suspicious, especially people unknown to the crews loitering with intent.

5. Missing Persons

If a person has been missing for more than 30 minutes please contact Race Control, the Safety Advisor or the Welfare Officer.

6. Access to Young People

No personal details for Juniors will be held by the Organising Committee. The Registration Desk will require the contact tel.no. for a coach or responsible adult in case of emergency. It is advised that if anyone working with Juniors has not been CRB checked they should work in pairs with another responsible adult.

7. Basic Training

All personnel working unsupervised with children should be familiar with the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy and the information it contains on good practice.

8. Photography

A copy of British Rowing's advice on photography (WG5.1) will be held at Race Control