

Maidenhead Regatta

Saturday 7th August 2021

Maidenhead Rowing Club, River Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 0AT

SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING CHILDREN POLICY

The organisers of the Maidenhead Regatta (the Regatta Committee) believe that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount and fully endorses British Rowing's Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy. All children, 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.

Dawn Davies has been appointed as Welfare Officer for this regatta and she will be the point of contact for any welfare concerns or allegations relating to children or young people. She can be contacted on the day by phone via any Race Official stationed around the course and boating areas. Should an incident arise, she will determine the appropriate action to be taken and, if necessary, will be responsible for reporting to the Police and/or the British Rowing Child Protection Officer.

The crew contact details entered on the British Rowing Online Entry system will be used to contact the adult responsible for any junior reported to be involved in an incident. **Please ensure that a valid contact number is included with all junior entries.** On the day of the regatta, Crew Registration will hold the contact numbers of the people responsible for each junior crew.

Coaches and adults responsible for junior crews racing at the regatta are expected to ensure that boating conditions are suitable for their crews and that all their crew members wear appropriate clothing for the prevailing weather conditions, accepting that they may be delayed, on the water, before the start of their race. In the event of rough conditions, coaches must assess whether their crews can boat and race safely, particularly when a junior or inexperienced cox is involved. Coaches should be familiar with British Rowing's RowSafe advice on [Competition Safety Plans and Safety Rules](#), Chapter 4.2. The sections on 'Expectations', 'Participating Clubs' and 'Coaches' are particularly relevant. All participants, coaches and supporters are expected to take part in the spirit of good sportsmanship and abide by the regatta's rules and [British Rowing's Codes of Conduct](#).

If a child or young person goes missing it should be reported to Crew Registration, together with a description of the missing child. This information will be passed to all race officials and to the Welfare Officer. Every effort will then be made to locate the missing child. If they are not found after 20 minutes, the Welfare Officer will contact the Police.

The regatta is held in a riverside area which has public access. Competitors should be aware that they may be photographed by anyone at the event including professional photographers who may subsequently sell their photos. The Regatta Committee is not able to prevent photographs being taken in this public space but any concerns about inappropriate photography or filming should be reported to the Welfare Officer via any of the race officials.

Organising Committee of the Maidenhead Regatta

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