

NRC Head Welfare Plan 13th November 2016

The Organising Committee of the Northwich Head believes that the welfare and well-being of all children is paramount. 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.

The Competition Welfare Officer is **Elizabeth Davies** and she will act as the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. Her contact number is **01606 49461**. Alternatively she can be found either at Northwich RC clubhouse, or via club bar staff or Race Control, throughout the Head.

British Rowing Child Protection Procedures are available online at britishrowing.org/ and at the clubhouse next to the Junior Welfare Board.

Northwich Rowing Club Child Protection Procedures are also available on the Junior Welfare Board and these are BR compliant.

In the event of any concern for the welfare of a child or in the event a child makes an allegation of potential risk, harm or abuse, during the Head at Northwich Rowing Club, the Competition Welfare Officer, **Elizabeth Davies**, should be notified immediately.

Dependent upon the nature of the issue of concern, decisions will be taken regarding the extent of immediate risk, whom else needs to be notified, and whether there is a need to notify any/more than one of the following:-

- 1) The Police
- 2) The NSPCC
- 3) The local authority safeguarding body (sometimes known as Children's Social Care Department and formerly known as Children's Social Services)
- 4) British Rowing Child Protection CPO
- 5) The Welfare Officer of the club connected to the young person who is potentially at risk

All safeguarding measures and decisions taken will be compliant with British Rowing Regulations and Procedures.

The parent/guardian/carer of the young person who is potentially at risk will be notified as soon as possible unless to do so is considered to be a source of risk. Northwich Rowing Club cannot, however, take responsibility for holding the contact details for all of our junior guests and there is an expectation that a Coach/Junior Co-ordinator or other identifiable person will be able to provide the contact details for the young people in their care, should be need arise.

Northwich Rowing Club and the Head Organising Committee endeavours to ensure all participants, volunteers and spectators are as safe as possible during the Head. Should anyone require medical attention in the event of a medical emergency, St John Ambulance Staff are in attendance throughout the day in the clubhouse.

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