



Safeguarding Statement

Guildford Rowing Club believes that children's welfare is paramount and fully adopts and abides by the British Rowing Safeguarding and Child Protection and welfare policies. We believe that respect and understanding amongst members, coaches, club officials, parents and guardians associated with our club for our Junior members' safety and welfare are evident at all times.

We are committed to :-

- ✓ Enabling everyone whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity to participate in rowing in a fun and safe environment.
- ✓ Recognising that children and families from minority group backgrounds may face additional barriers to accessing help and reporting concerns in respect of safeguarding issues.
- ✓ Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes and feelings.
- ✓ Taking seriously all suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse and responding swiftly and appropriately to them in accordance with current procedures.
- ✓ Ensuring that all adults who work with young athletes, including our coaches and volunteers are recruited with regard to their suitability for that responsibility; receive guidance and/or training in best practice and child protection procedures and are subject to checks by the Disclosure and Barring Service at the enhanced level.

Who to contact:-

Should your child experience welfare issues around boat selection, training and progress queries, confidence/performance anxiety, relationships with squad or crew mates or injury concerns, your squad coach is the first port of call; in most cases your coach will work with you and your child to effectively and swiftly resolve the matter.

If you do not feel that the issue has been resolved, it should be referred to Mark Rawlinson, our Junior Captain, either via Spond or in person.

Should Mark be unable ultimately to resolve a rowing-related concern, he will escalate it to Helen Gray our Club Captain.

You can always contact Helen directly in this case: Captain@guildfordrowingclub.org.uk or via Spond .

If you as a parent, junior, adult member or supporter are experiencing something which is clearly a safeguarding issue, coaches and captains can still be contacted in the first instance.

However, your Club Welfare Officer (CWO)-Claudine Chiplin is also able to assist and is available in confidence : Welfare@guildfordrowingclub.org.uk 07771 680140 also via Spond.

Claudine's role is to support Guildford Rowing Club and everyone associated with it to create safe, inclusive environments, respond to and coordinate action within the club upon receipt of any concerns or disclosures. While she is the focal point, it is the responsibility of our committee, all members and visitors to uphold British Rowing safeguarding policies and procedures in order to safeguard children and adults at risk.

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Action:-

If you suspect somebody is being harmed, report it, do not ignore it :-

In a safeguarding emergency call the Police- 999

During office hours- MASH (The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub)- 0300 470 9100

Adult Social Care Emergency Duty Team-01483 517898

For alternative and additional support:-

Childline- 0800 1111

Mind-0300 123 3393 info@mind.org.uk

The Samaritans – 08457 90 90 90

More information on the policy for safeguarding children and British Rowing guidance documents:-

www.britishrowing.org/about-us/welfare/safeguarding-and-protecting-children-policy

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