

Oxford City Bumping Races

Welfare Plan

The organising committee of Oxford City Bumping Races believe that the welfare and wellbeing 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.

City of Oxford Rowing Club (CORC) has endorsed the British Rowing Child Protection Policy. In particular:

- The club has appointed a Club Welfare Officer (CWO) whose contact details together with an outline of responsibilities will be displayed at the Event.
- The CWO and all CORC coaches who work with children are subjected to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check
- The Club, whenever reasonably possible, communicates with children through their parents.
- The Club maintains appropriate levels of supervision for children's activities within the Club.
- The Club judges its treatment of children against criterion akin to the actions of "a reasonably prudent parent".

a) WELFARE:

City of Oxford Rowing Club will seek to ensure that there are no opportunities for Junior participants to find themselves isolated and unguarded and that they are supervised by at least two known volunteer adults. Instructions will be passed to all volunteers, coaches and attending adults from all competing clubs to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious such as someone unknown to crews hanging around or tampering with equipment.

b) REPORTING STRUCTURE

In the event of any untoward incident occurring, Race Control should be informed immediately. Race Control will contact the Club Welfare Officer who will take a full report. The Club Welfare Officer will then inform the Regatta Chairman and together they will decide on a course of action. If deemed necessary, the Club welfare Officer will contact Thames Valley Police.

c) MISSING PARTICIPANTS.

A list of emergency contact numbers of persons responsible for each competing crew will be compiled through information captured within entry documentation and held by the Event Secretary. Numbers can be used to reunite separated coaches and crew members through the Event Secretary.

In the event that a young person goes missing, this should be reported to the Event Secretary immediately together with a description of the individual.

This information will be forwarded to the CWO and Race Co-ordinator and cascaded out to all CORC event volunteers. All endeavours will be made to locate and reunite the missing person in question. If a young person is missing for more than 20 minutes the Thames Valley Police will be informed.