

Egham Regatta Welfare and Safeguarding Policy



For Egham Regatta – Sunday 28 June 2026

This Welfare and Safeguarding Policy applies to all competitors, coaches, club officials, volunteers, contractors, parents, guardians, spectators and event officials attending Egham Regatta. **All competitors, coaches, club officials, volunteers, contractors, parents, guardians and event officials MUST read this policy before the Regatta commences.**

Egham Regatta is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects everyone involved in the event to share this commitment. As a junior-only rowing event, the welfare of all participants is paramount.

This policy is written in line with the safeguarding framework, guidance and expectations of British Rowing, including the British Rowing Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy, Online Safety and Social Media Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy and relevant Safeguarding Handbooks.

1. Policy Statement

Egham Regatta believes that:

- The welfare and wellbeing of children and young people is the primary consideration at all times.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to participate in rowing in a safe and enjoyable environment.
- Everyone involved in the regatta has a responsibility to support safeguarding and welfare.
- Concerns regarding poor practice, bullying, abuse or inappropriate behaviour must be taken seriously and acted upon appropriately.

The Organising Committee will take all reasonable steps to provide a safe, inclusive and respectful environment throughout the event.

2. Scope of this Policy

This policy applies to:

- Junior competitors
- Coaches and team managers
- Volunteers and event officials
- Contractors and service providers
- Parents, guardians and spectators
- Welfare personnel
- Any person attending or participating in the regatta

This policy applies throughout the duration of the event, including racing, boating areas, trailer parks, circulation areas, spectator areas and any official regatta communications or online activity associated with the event.

3. Relevant British Rowing Policies and Guidance

Egham Regatta adopts and supports the principles contained within the following British Rowing policies and guidance documents:

Egham Regatta, revised Welfare and Safeguarding Policy 2026, JW, May 2026

- British Rowing Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
- British Rowing Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy
- British Rowing Online Safety and Social Media Policy
- British Rowing Anti-Bullying Policy
- British Rowing Codes of Conduct
- British Rowing Safer Recruitment Guidance
- British Rowing Safeguarding Handbook 1 – The Club Welfare Officer
- British Rowing Safeguarding Handbook 2 – Handling Concerns
- British Rowing Safeguarding Handbook 3 – Club, Training and Competition Guidance
- British Rowing Safeguarding Handbook 4 – Safety in the Digital World

Further information is available from:

[British Rowing Safeguarding](#)

4. Event Welfare Officer

An Event Welfare Officer (EWO) will be appointed for the regatta in accordance with British Rowing guidance. The EWO will:

- Be available throughout the event.
- Act as the first point of contact for safeguarding and welfare concerns.
- Promote a safe and inclusive environment.
- Respond appropriately to concerns or disclosures.
- Liaise with British Rowing and statutory agencies where necessary.
- Maintain confidentiality and appropriate records.

The EWO will not be directly involved in coaching or managing competing crews during the event, in line with British Rowing guidance.

Contact details for the Event Welfare Officer will be displayed at Regatta Control and circulated in competitor information prior to the event. The EWO will be monitoring radio communications throughout the day.

The EWO for the day will be Joanna West.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

The Organising Committee will:

- Ensure safeguarding is considered in all event planning.
- Appoint an appropriately trained Event Welfare Officer.
- Ensure volunteers and officials understand their safeguarding responsibilities.
- Provide a clear reporting process for concerns.
- Respond appropriately to safeguarding incidents.
- Promote good conduct and inclusive behaviour throughout the event.

Coaches, Team Managers, Officials and Club Volunteers will:

- Remain responsible for the supervision and behaviour of junior competitors in their care.
- Ensure competitors are appropriately supervised at all times.
- Behave in accordance with British Rowing Codes of Conduct.
- Report any safeguarding concerns promptly.

Parents and Guardians will:

- Maintain appropriate responsibility for their child's welfare and behaviour.
- Ensure junior participants understand expected standards of conduct.
- Support event organisers in promoting safe participation.

Junior Participants and/or volunteers are expected to:

- Behave respectfully towards others.
- Follow instructions from officials and safety personnel.
- Avoid bullying, abusive or discriminatory behaviour.
- Raise concerns if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

6. Codes of Conduct and Behaviour

All attendees are expected to behave appropriately and contribute to a safe, respectful and enjoyable environment.

The following behaviour will not be tolerated:

- Bullying or harassment
- Discrimination or abusive language
- Intimidating or threatening behaviour
- Inappropriate physical contact
- Unsafe conduct
- Inappropriate online or social media behaviour

Any individual whose conduct places others at risk or breaches safeguarding expectations may be removed from the event and reported to British Rowing or relevant authorities where appropriate.

7. Photography, Filming and Social Media

Egham Regatta is held at a public location. Photography and filming are common at rowing events; however:

- Images of children should be appropriate and respectful.
- Photography must never be intrusive, inappropriate or exploitative.
- Concerns regarding photography or filming should be reported immediately to the Event Welfare Officer.
- Online communications and social media use associated with the event should comply with British Rowing's Online Safety and Social Media guidance.

8. Reporting Welfare or Safeguarding Concerns

Anyone with a safeguarding or welfare concern should report it immediately to:

- The Event Welfare Officer
- Regatta Control
- A member of the Organising Committee
- Emergency services if immediate danger exists

All concerns will be taken seriously and handled in accordance with British Rowing safeguarding procedures.

Where necessary, concerns may be referred to:

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- British Rowing Lead Safeguarding Officer
- Police
- Children's Social Care
- Local Authority Safeguarding Teams

Emergency Contacts:

- Emergency Services: 999
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111

9. Confidentiality and Information Sharing

Safeguarding information will be handled sensitively and shared only on a need-to-know basis, in accordance with safeguarding requirements and applicable data protection legislation.

The welfare and safety of the child or young person will always take priority over confidentiality considerations.

10. Policy Review

This policy applies specifically to Egham Regatta 2026 and will be reviewed annually by the Organising Committee to ensure continued compliance with current British Rowing safeguarding policies and guidance.

Additional information about Toilets/Changing rooms on site:

All competitors, family members, coaches, umpires, volunteers and officials are asked to comply with the notices inside Wraysbury Skiff and Punting Club regarding changing rooms inside the clubhouse.

Designated, separate single-sex changing rooms have been allocated to Junior competitors only. There is one changing room for girls and one for boys. Adults are not permitted in these areas.

Temporary event single-occupancy toilets situated outside the club building are for adult and non-competitor use.

Additional public toilets are available next to the Runnymede cafe.