



REMENHAM CHALLENGE SUNDAY 16 JANUARY 2011 AT 12:30

Welfare Policy and Plan

Policy

The Organisers of the Remenham Challenge 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.

A welfare coordinator for the competition will be appointed annually and will act as the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. Their contact number will be included in the Competitors' Instructions, posted in the registration area throughout the duration of the competition and will be made known to all race officials.

Contact Numbers

Competition welfare coordinator – Sinead Hayes	07967 997 609
British Rowing child protection officer (CPO)	020 8237 6700
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Local police	0300 123 1212

Please initially report any concerns to [the Competition Welfare Coordinator](#).

Plan

The welfare coordinator for the 2011 event will be Sinead Hayes. She will be available throughout the duration of the event, first at the registration desk at Thames RC and then at Race Control at Vesta RC, and will be contactable by any race official via the radio network or by mobile phone where this is deemed more appropriate. She will determine appropriate action to be taken, and should any incident warrant such action, will be responsible for reporting to the police and the British Rowing child protection officer.

Given the nature of the event, where crews are boating from a variety of locations along the river, it is not possible for the event organisers to take responsibility for security at any specific location. Adults with responsibility for children entered in the event – coaches and parents – are expected to ensure that boating locations are suitable and are reminded of the need for suitable clothing for the prevailing conditions on the day of the event, given that there is the possibility of a wait before the start. Crew coaches are further reminded that in rough conditions, it is they who must make the assessment of whether their crew can safely boat and race in the conditions - particularly so where there is a junior cox. Row Safe sections 1.4, 1.7, 1.8 and 3.2 are particularly relevant.

In the event that a participant goes missing for a period exceeding 30 minutes, the Competition welfare coordinator should be contacted and she will contact the police if this has not already been done. The crew contact details given to the event organisers will be used to contact the adult responsible for any junior reportedly involved in an incident. It is therefore incumbent upon the person entering the crew to ensure that a usable contact number is included in the entry. No individual contact details for juniors will be held by the organising committee.

All competitors in the event may be photographed or filmed by amateurs, or by professionals who sell these images and footage, and these media may be used for identification or publicity purposes. The organisers of the Remenham Challenge cannot prevent this, as the banks and the bridges near the course are open to the public. Officials and competitors must be aware of this.