



East Midlands Regional Rowing Council
Junior Inter-Regional Team Trials 2019

Welfare Plan



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Organising Committee

This event is organised through the East Midlands Regional Rowing Council.

The Event Committee includes the following personnel:

- Event Chairman: Trevor Rainbow 07860 928694
- Event Coordinator: Paul Stevens 07779 232051
- Event Water Safety Advisor: Charlie Adams 07795 565611
- Event Welfare Officer: Carolyn Thackstone 07917 391973
- Race Committee Chairman: Barbara Delaney 07484 614288



Introduction

This document contains information related to the running of the trials that will determine the team that will represent the East Midlands at the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta 2019 (the JIRR).

This year the JIRR will be held at Peterborough City Rowing Club's multi-lane course and the race distance will be 1,000m rather than the 1,500m used at Nottingham in previous years. The distance of the East Midlands trials this year will also therefore be 1,000m.

Venue and Date

Date of event: Saturday 9th February 2019.

Venue: National Water Sports Centre, Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU.

Policy statement

The Organizing Committee of the East Midlands Junior Inter-Regional Team Trials believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount. All children, regardless of age, sex, 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 in an appropriate manner.

The organisers adhere to British Rowing codes of conduct regarding the welfare and safeguarding of children taking part in the event (British Rowing Code of Conduct WG1.4 and Guidelines for Rowing Competitions WG3.4). All officials, coaches and volunteers at the trial will have read and understood the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy.

Responsibility for child welfare

Carolyn Thackstone is the Welfare Officer for the trial. Carolyn is the point of contact for any concerns or allegations and can be contacted at race control in the main centre building or by telephone (07917 391973).

Reporting Structure

The first point of contact during the event will be the Welfare Officer. If, after due consideration, she decides that the police should be informed, the Welfare Officer will report the matter to Nottinghamshire Police.

The organisers and the Welfare Officer will then decide whether the Welfare Officer will report the matter to the British Rowing Child Protection Officer.



Security

The main building at the NWSC has changing facilities which can be used and are not open to members of the general public.

Incident, Accident and Emergency

- 1) **Water Quality** - Water users should check the NWSC website (www.nwscnotts.com) for up-to-date information on the water quality of the lake. Remember that there is a potential health risk in any open water. Avoid swallowing water; cover cuts with a waterproof plaster; wash or shower when you come ashore and before eating or drinking
- 2) **First Aid Cover** - First Aid kits are situated in the main reception, at Event Control and in the Boathouse area. A capsized pack consisting of warm blankets, towels, foil sheets will be kept close to the boating stages. All coaches will have up-to-date certificates in Emergency First Aid
 - i. Anyone requiring further medical assistance will be transferred to the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham.
 - ii. All marshalls and organisers are in mobile contact and are positioned to be able to assist in any incident
 - iii. Emergency numbers, 999 or 112
 - iv. Police, West Bridgford 0115 940 0999
 - v. Medical Practice, 214 Musters Road 0115 981 4124
 - vi. Hospital, Queens Medical Centre 0115 924 9924
 - vii. NHS Direct 0845 4647
- 3) **Accident & Emergency** - The nearest hospital facilities for accident and emergency is the Queens Medical Centre. Travel time to the hospital by personal car is approximately 20 minutes.
- 4) **Incident Reporting**- Any incident or accident must be reported to race control and the Event Safety Advisor. The Safety Advisor will record any incidents and submit them online to British Rowing. Any competitor, official, coach or spectator is encouraged to log any incidents on the BR website.



Lost (and found) child procedure

All competitors are under the supervision of coaches / parent helpers from their own rowing club. Coaches / parents are expected to follow their usual procedures for accounting for children's whereabouts at an event.

If a child goes missing during the race-off, the following procedure will apply:

- ensure that all other children continue to be supervised appropriately while a search for the child concerned is carried out
- organise the remaining available responsible adults to conduct a search of the surrounding area allocating each individual to a specific area; request all those searching report back within a short time, dependent on the size of the area being searched
- if the child cannot be found after a good search of the immediate surroundings, contact the child's parents to advise them of the concern and reassure them that everything is being done to locate the child
- make a note of the circumstances in which the child has gone missing and where he/she was last seen and prepare a detailed physical description of the child, to include their hair and eye colour, approximate height and build and clothing he/she was wearing, as this will be required by the police
- report the concern to the police if the search is unsuccessful and no later than 20 minutes after the initial missing person report if the search is ongoing
- follow police guidance if further action is recommended and maintain close contact with the police
- report the incident to the welfare officer
- ensure that all adults involved including the parents, searchers and police are informed when the child is located

Photography and social media coverage

It is recognised that the trial takes place on a dedicated rowing facility with public access. There will inevitably be a number of people, including parents and supporters, taking photographs of racing and the 'scene' during the day. However, any suspicious activity, someone hanging around a crew unnecessarily, tampering with equipment, taking photographs of juniors specifically, etc., should be reported to the Welfare Officer or Race Control.

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